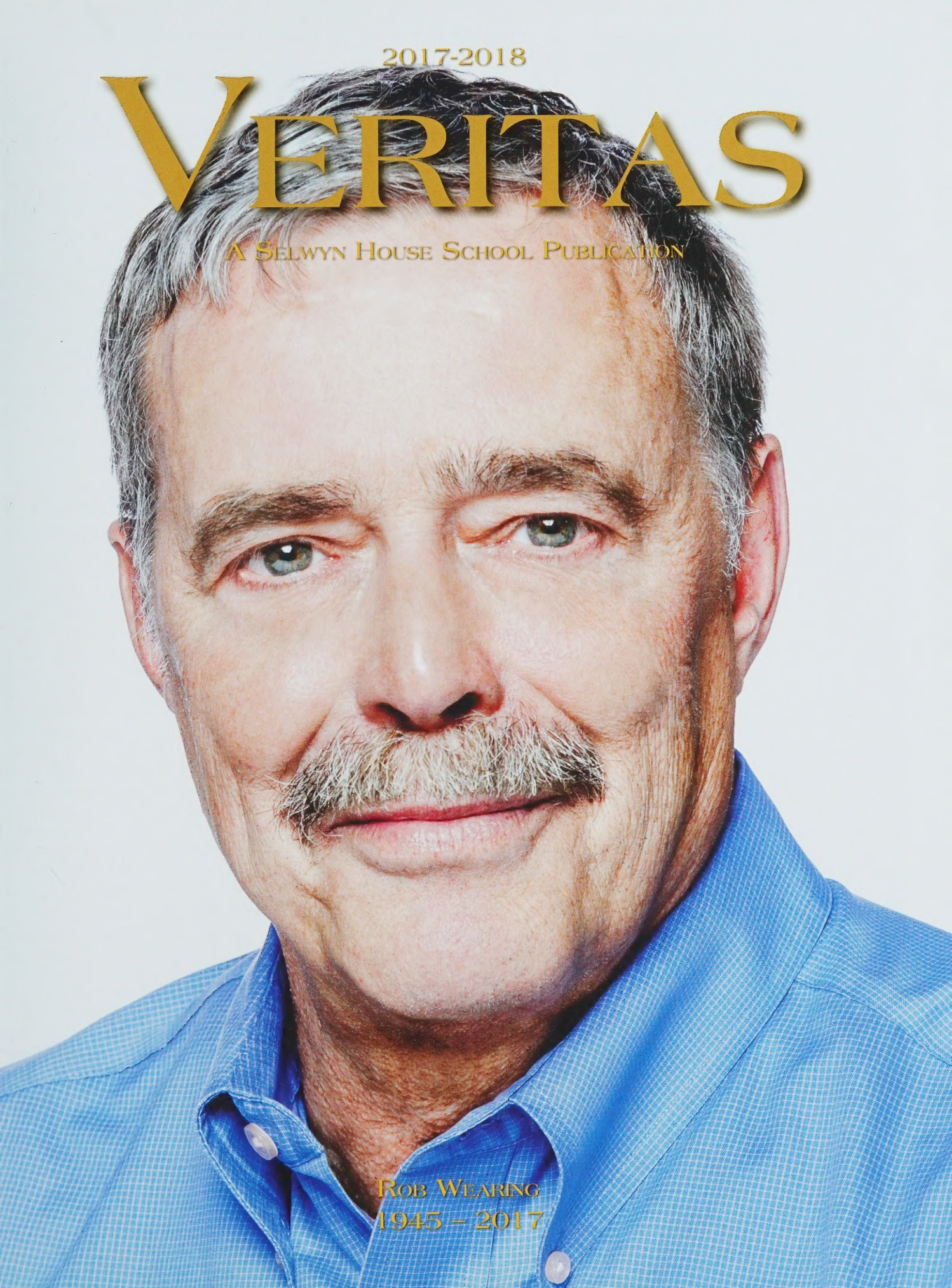


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# The Realities of Greatness

By Hal Hannaford, Headmaster

Imagine for a moment you could actually clarify a definition of GREATNESS. It is a strange term, overused to a large degree, misunderstood by many, and whose meaning denotes many permutations and interpretations. That being said, and without trying to display a degree of arrogance or presumptuousness, after thirty years of heading and leading schools, I am now convinced of how we should define greatness in preparatory education. If only I knew then what I know now. Specifically, and in my opinion, a great school can be defined as follows:

*A Great School is one that strives to become a truly Relational School, dedicated to the Glory of Education, while at the same time placing the highest possible emphasis on the development of a vibrant, strong, progressive, and exciting Faculty Culture.*

A simple statement, but rather complex, if one is to grasp a full and complete understanding. So let's take the time to break down this definition. This must be done carefully, and at all times we must keep an open mind. To begin with, we know, through years of research, that the two characteristics of a school that appear to have the most substantial impact on virtually everything worth measuring in terms of student outcomes are the size of the school and the quality of the faculty culture. The size of the school, of course, correlates with the relational school aspect. Smaller schools have an easier time fostering, promoting, and developing important and sustained relationships. When this culture pervades a school, the results are staggering. With a boy, his relationship with any teacher is the most important aspect in determining whether or not real learning will take place. Without this relationship, boys are notorious for simply refusing to learn.

No matter which research initiative is cited, one consistent message is that the quality of education can never exceed the quality of the teacher, and thus the faculty culture component of the definition has merit. The statement does not try to convince anyone that we have the best teachers (we do), as I have no means of measuring the validity of such a statement. But I can measure the quality of the faculty culture, and I try my best to do whatever I can to provide the environment that allows each teacher to perform at their absolute best. Faculty culture is, again, quite complicated, and I personally have devoted much of my career to trying to understand the nuance, and thus the true impact of it. I remain convinced that addressing faculty culture is the solution to most problems encountered at school. It is that important.

Finally, the glory of education is a long-held triumph for educators and, in a nutshell, can be defined as when a school can take a "D" student and occasionally turn him or her into



a "B" student. We know that strong students excel academically no matter where they attend school (not the most effective marketing line), and if we are to provide them with an environment that will allow them to reach even greater heights, we need to expose them to a wide range of intellectual, physical, social, attitudinal, and behavioural differences. Again, research tells us that these modifiers will allow for substantial growth and development for the highest achieving students.

There are many legitimate factors that prevent schools from achieving greatness. I have come to believe that, over the past seventy-five years, the independent school world has been guilty of convincing their clientele and the public at large that mediocrity is, in fact, greatness. The reason is quite simple, and no one is suggesting that greatness is easily attained. In fact, it is so challenging that we allow ourselves to drift into mediocre mindsets because we are challenge-averse. A philosophy that celebrates the glory of education is, by its very nature, a challenge, and the easy way out is to simply avoid admitting "D" students. We do so at our own peril.

Below, I list some specific tendencies that, in my belief and contention, are the causes of mediocrity:

- discipline philosophies that focus too much on punitive measures;
- admission selectivity based on intellectual ability alone, which limits character building;
- too many financial resources, which can lead to creative complacency;
- an unhealthy focus on pedagogical and academic development at the expense of what makes a great person;
- centralized control that results in bureaucratic processes that prevent faculty from taking risks and initiatives;
- an inability to accept mistakes and/or chaos (a necessity for advancement);
- a university guidance system that avoids actually preparing students for university and simply celebrates where students go to university;
- and a facility that takes away from creativity or the development of a more-with-less attitude.

These are all examples of how mediocrity creeps into our system. I have not even begun to finish my work in this regard, but I can make one promise to the Selwyn House community. Over my remaining two years at the helm, I will do whatever I can to promote true greatness, to create a mindset and a culture that will not allow us to settle for mediocrity, and to encourage all of us to strive for heights never before reached. A challenge, but I am ready. Heads up everyone, it is going to be an exciting ride.



# His guidance and influence are his legacy:

**H**ow fitting it was that Rob Wearing died on Founder's Day. On November 23, 2017, as the celebration of the birthday of Selwyn House School got underway, word began to circulate around the room that the man many had come to regard as the heart and soul of this institution was gone.

On Sunday, December 3, 2017, there was a celebration of Rob's life at the Mount Royal Cemetery followed by a reception at the Atwater Club. The tributes to Rob from his family members and friends were funny, heartbreaking and inspirational.

Phys-Ed Teacher and Coach Peter Govan spoke warmly about the man he considered his boss and his best friend. It was "Wearing" who launched the Athletic Banquet and insisted that mothers be invited, Govan pointed out. As part of the task of redesigning the school's Athletic Department from the ground up, it was Wearing who chose a gryphon as the athletic teams' mascot, to avoid confusion with the LCC lion. "And, thus, the Gryphon took flight," Govan said.

"He had natural charisma," explained Phys-Ed Teacher and Coach Alfie Paoletti. "He was the kind of leader you wanted to perform for. He was larger than life. A man of few words, but, oh, what effective words."

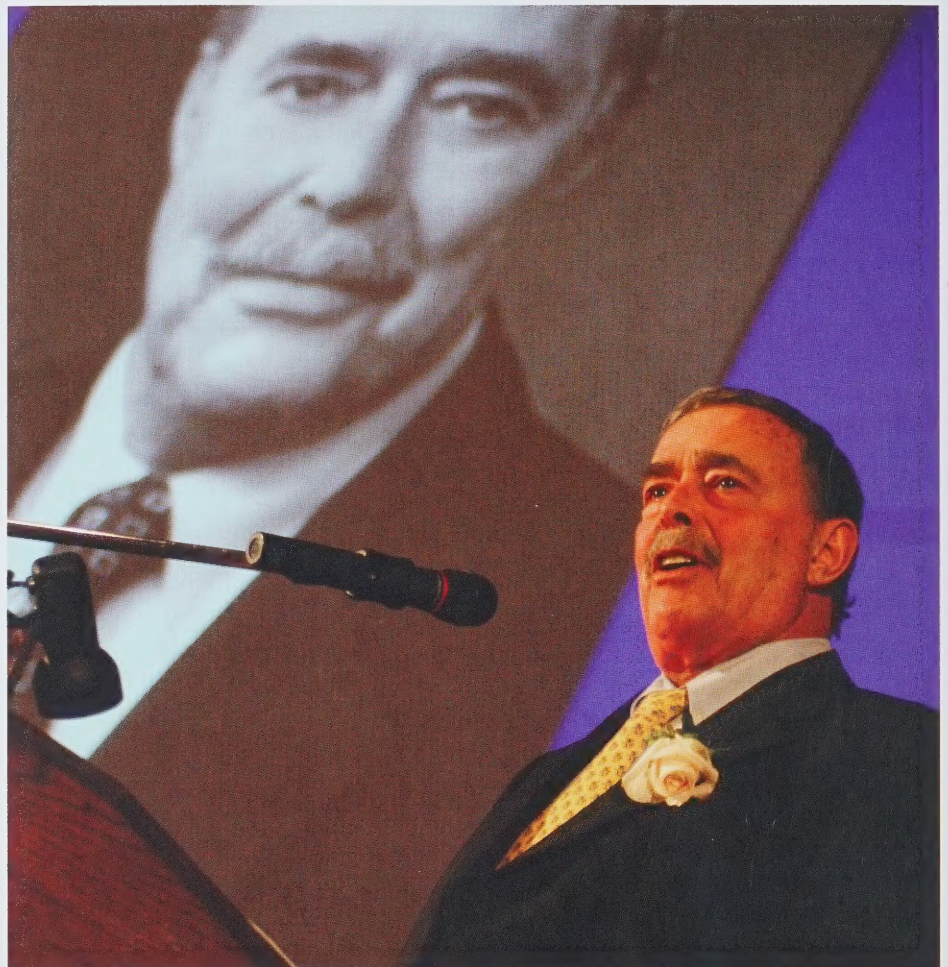
"He had an unbelievable presence about him," said Rob's son, Ben, a Selwyn House Old Boy from the Class of 1994. "He lived his life with integrity and authenticity. He was a natural leader and a mentor to thousands."

Written tributes to Rob Wearing poured in after his death, including many testimonials from former students who said Rob had changed their lives. One Old Boy summed it up: "Truly one of the best men I've ever known."

### Retirement

*When Rob retired from Selwyn House in 2006, the interview article that follows was published in Veritas:*

On the day in 1973 when Rob Wearing



Rob Wearing accepting the Speirs Medal in 2017

first came chugging down Argyle Street in his van, the Selwyn House boys were not sure what to make of their new phys-ed teacher.

"I had an open-neck shirt and very long hair," Rob recalls. "Of course the kids were all immaculately dressed and with short hair. So I didn't meet the dress code, and I felt quite awkward."

Rob had just come from a five-year stint teaching and coaching at an inner-city Toronto school where there was a huge sports program. "I was coming from a school where there were a lot of pretty fast guys," he recalls. "Coming to Selwyn House, the calibre of athletics wasn't the same. It was then that I wondered what I'd gotten myself into."

In those days, Selwyn House School was a much different place. The male teachers had their own, smoke-filled staff room. The school had only 350 students, and George Dewland cooked all the meals and did all the cleaning.

"At that time, the school had a very academic nature," Rob says. "Dr. Speirs was still here teaching linguistics, and Jack Martin was teaching Latin. Everybody participated in intramural sports. There may have been some athletic competition against other private schools, but certainly not against public schools."

"Time was a bit of a problem. When I taught in Toronto you naturally practiced five days a week. When I came here the teams were only practicing three days. I



# A tribute to Rob Wearing

could hardly believe it.”

Through sheer determination, Rob was soon wringing championship performances out of football, rugby and wrestling teams that didn't even exist when he came here. “As Alexis Troubetskoy allowed us to increase the number of phys-ed teachers, we began to have more instructional phys-ed along with the team sports. So it was just a matter of time before the teams got better and better, and they began to play against more different schools and had reasonable amounts of success.”

Thirty-three years later, he has not only transformed Selwyn House into a force to be reckoned with athletically, but, as Senior School Director, has guided hundreds of young men through years of growth and challenge, for which they will always be grateful.

Born in London, Ontario, Rob received his BA from Western University. The only thing he knew about private schools was that, “In London, they used to send all the kids who were bad to Ridley.”

Rob and his wife, Esther, who teaches elementary school, moved to Montreal the same summer they were married. He didn't plan to stay long. “Times became tough due to high inflation and so on, so movement wasn't very easy. And then, of course, you start raising children and movement is no longer as attractive as it once was.”

Rob's children, Ben and Alison, are both excellent athletes in their own right, Ben having played football in the CFL and Alison coaching hockey at LCC.

Before long, Rob was expanding his duties at Selwyn House, becoming Director of Athletics, then Director of Secondary School in the early 80s, interim co-headmaster for six months in 1984, and then Director of Senior School when a separate Middle School was established in 1994.

Along the way, he has also taught student awareness classes for years, helping pupils deal with sensitive issues like sex, drugs and alcohol, and teenage depression.



From left: Alison, Rob, Esther and Ben Wearing '94

“Even though I've been here 33 years, I've done three or four different things. So it hasn't been like being in the same school,” he says. “At one time I was here while Ben was here, so I enjoyed that part

of it. It gives you a different perspective on things.”

Saying he always felt more like an older brother than a father figure to his

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## Montreal Gazette obituary:

Robin Wearing died suddenly from an aortic aneurysm in his Montreal home on November 23, 2017 surrounded by family. Robin is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Esther (Mingay) Wearing, his son, Ben (Jenn), and daughter, Alison (Mathieu), and his five energetic grandchildren, Paige, Charlotte, Xavier, Evelyn and Lukas. Rob leaves to mourn his brother, Rick, of Huntsville and his sister, Daphne, of London. He was predeceased by his father (Morris) and mother (Jane).

Rob was born in Toronto on July 5, 1945, and grew up in London, Ontario. His love for the outdoors was cultivated from his experiences at Camp Ahmek, where he spent most of his summers as a camper and counselor. A talented athlete, Rob played a variety of sports, but particularly excelled at football, which he continued to play during his years at the University of Western Ontario, where he was a proud Mustang. In 1973, Rob moved to Montreal to work at Selwyn House School, where he spent over 33 years as a teacher, coach and retired in 2006 as Director of the Senior School. He was notoriously known for rooting for the underdog, and always had the student's best interests at heart. His guidance and influence are his legacy.



# Selwyn House Old Boy hailed as Dunkirk

One of the main characters in the Oscar-winning 2017 movie *Dunkirk* is based on a real-life hero who was a Selwyn House Old Boy.

James Campbell Clouston was born in 1900 to a distinguished Montreal family. His uncle was Sir Edward Seaborne Clouston, a Canadian banker and financier who became the general manager of the Bank of Montreal, and who is said to have played in the first-ever organized indoor hockey game, held on March 3, 1875, at the Victoria Skating Rink in Montreal.

Campbell, as he was called, grew up across the street from the yacht club in Pointe Claire. He attended Selwyn House, LCC and McGill, departing the university in 1918 to join the British Royal Navy. In *The Miracle of Dunkirk*, historian Walter Lord describes him as a “big, tough, athletic and amusing” Canadian, and “a man bursting with energy.” He did not see action in the First World War, but rose through the ranks to become captain of the destroyer *Isis* in 1937.

In May of 1940, the German army had overrun France, and had forced over 300,000 British, French and Belgian soldiers to retreat westward to the beaches of Dunkirk, where they were trapped with the English Channel at their backs and the advancing Nazis in front.

The Churchill government launched a plan to save the Allied troops from certain death or capture by sending a ragtag armada of military and civilian ships and boats across the English Channel to pick them up. Churchill reportedly hoped to rescue 50,000 of the cornered troops.

The *Isis* was in port for repair at the time, so Clouston was sent across to France to aid in the rescue. Clouston was picked to organize the evacuation at the Dunkirk Mole, a pier that extended 1280 metres into the water to allow the larger ships to get close enough to shore to pick up troops.

When Clouston arrived at the scene, soldiers were being loaded aboard ships

at a rate of 50 per hour. In short order, Clouston had increased the loading rate to 2,000 soldiers per hour, but it took some persuasion. Soldiers could only fit four abreast on the pier, where they were helplessly exposed to machine gun fire and bombs from German planes flying overhead. Widespread panic was a constant threat. One account has Clouston raising his revolver into the air, threatening to shoot any soldier who broke ranks.

For five days and nights he braved the bombardment and stayed on the pier with little food or rest, guiding his comrades to safety. A witness to the events at Dunkirk described Clouston as “the greatest and bravest man I’ve ever seen.”

Thanks in large part to Clouston’s efforts, more than 240,000 soldiers were rescued from the mole. Eventually, Clouston joined the escaping troops and sailed to England. Once there, however, he stayed only one night and then volunteered to return to the mole and the gunfire. Because he spoke French, he offered his services to help evacuate the French troops still at Dunkirk.

On June 2, on the way back east across the channel to France, however, his boat was attacked and destroyed by a German



**Commander J. Campbell Clouston**  
Courtesy Clouston family

aircraft. As he and his men clung to the wreckage of their boat, he waved away a second boat, opting to stay with his men. Clouston kept his companions’ spirits up by lying to them about how soon they would be rescued. By the time help arrived, all but two of the crew had died from exposure, including Clouston, who had left a young son and a pregnant wife waiting at home.

He was buried at Becklingen military cemetery in Germany.



**Cannon salute in Lachine**



# hero 77 years after his gallant death

In the years since, Clouston has faded from memory as a Canadian war hero. His only military recognition is being "Mentioned in Dispatches" by the Royal Navy, and having his name inscribed on a plaque at McGill and on the Westmount cenotaph.

In the movie *Dunkirk*, the character played by actor Kenneth Branagh is partially based on Commander James Campbell Clouston. Clouston's family appealed to the producers of the movie to recognize him, but his name does not appear anywhere in the movie or the credits.

It does not even appear on the plaque of Selwyn House Old Boys who died in war.

But that oversight is now being corrected. A large group of dignitaries, military personnel and community members gathered beside the Lachine Canal on September 21, 2017 to bestow a long-overdue honour on Campbell Clouston.

His son Moray Clouston who was yet unborn at the time of his father's heroic death, was present at the September 21 Lachine dedication with his wife, Margaret, and Milo Clouston, son of Campbell Clouston's older son, Dane.

The family members were joined in the ceremony by the

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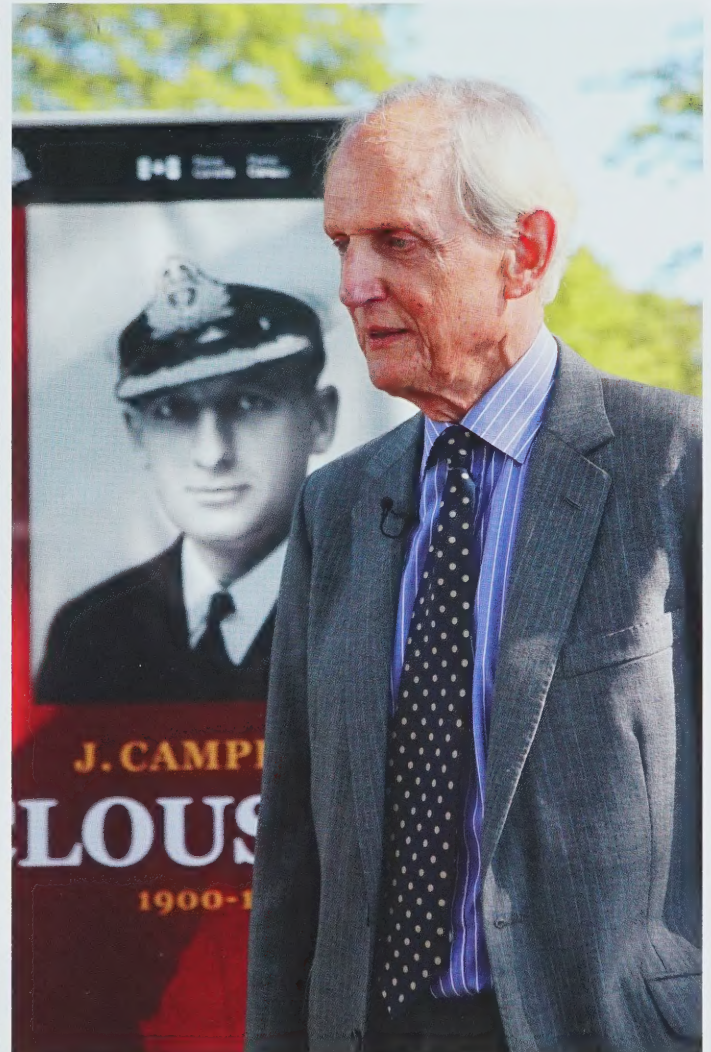
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mayor of Lachine and representatives of Parks Canada, The Royal Canadian Navy, Veterans' Affairs, The Merchant Marine, the Canadian War Museum, Quebec Waterways and the Pointe Claire Yacht Club, as well as the Consuls-General of Britain, France and Belgium. Representatives of McGill, Lower Canada College and Selwyn House were also included.

A 30-piece military band and a two-gun cannon salute added a touch of military pomp to the proceedings as a plaque commemorating Campbell Clouston was unveiled in the park overlooking Lac St-Louis, where Clouston learned to sail as a boy and won the Challenge Cup in 1913.

Campbell Clouston's grandson Milo came all the way from Sydney, Australia to take part in the dedication. Actor Christopher Plummer, a cousin of the Cloustons, sent along a written message that was read to the crowd.

Campbell Clouston's son Moray, who travelled from England for the ceremony, was obviously moved to see his father honoured by his native country. "This is emotional in a way I hadn't anticipated," he said.



Moray Clouston before a photo of his father



The East Mole



# Speirs 2017 to Denham & Denham

**F**ormer Selwyn House Board Chairman Michael Denham and his wife, Selwyn House Parent Association President Lorna Denham, received the 2017 Speirs Medal during the school's Founder's Day celebrations on November 23.

The Speirs Medal, named for former Headmaster the late Dr. Robert Speirs, is the highest honour the school can bestow upon any member of its community. It is presented each year as part of the school's observance of Founder's Day, as an occasion to honour the school's founder, Lieutenant Algernon Lucas.

As parents of Selwyn House students Jamie 2014, Matthew 2016 and Christopher 2020, Michael and Lorna have been at the forefront of volunteer involvement in their sons' school for years. Michael is a Former Chair of the Selwyn House Association Board of Directors, a Board Member since 2011, and was a Member of the Veritas Board of Trustees from 2009 to 2017 and a member of the Lucas Board from 2013 to 2017.

Lorna is a Former Co-chair and Current Chair of the Parent Association and a 2014 recipient of the Nancy Pitfield Memorial Award for Volunteerism.

"It is such an honour to be recognized in this way for doing something that, quite frankly, has been a complete joy over these last 15 years," said Lorna in her acceptance speech, praising the school for having created a "warm and nurturing environment" for her young family.

In his acceptance speech, Michael described Selwyn House as "a great place to make a contribution."

"So many of the attributes that define one's success over time—resilience, hard work, determination, emotional intelligence, achievement—are all things that lie at the core of the mission and purpose of this school," he said.

Other awards were also presented during the Founder's Day program. Retiring Selwyn House Assistant Chef Steve Durant and Retired Maintenance Worker Jim Cousins were honoured for 25 years of service to the school, and were also named Honorary Old Boys.

Parent Association Executive Member Joyce McCauley received the Nancy Pitfield Memorial Award for Volunteerism from Nancy's son, Board Member Tom Pitfield '93.



Michael Denham, left, and Lorna Denham receive the Speirs Medal from Old Boys' Association President Charles Vennat 2005.

Ms. McCauley has revitalized the school's second-hand uniform sales as a significant fundraiser for the school while maintaining an almost daily shift of work on countless other Parent Association projects.



Previous Speirs Medalists, from left: Bryan Fitzpatrick '74, Craig Shannon '71, William Daly '53, Lorna Denham, Michael Denham, Ellen Pinchuk, Will Mitchell, John Hallward '78 and Tim Carsley '52



# Kovalik's Nobel role seems like sci-fi

**W**hen the 2017 Nobel Prize was presented on October 3, 2017 to physicists Rainer Weiss, Barry Barish and Kip Thorne, Joseph Kovalik '81 was among the scientists who helped make it happen.

The three Nobel laureates were chosen because of their pioneering work developing the Laser Interferometer Gravity Wave Observatory (LIGO) project, which Joe has been involved in from the beginning. LIGO consists of two 4-km-long laser interferometers installed 3,000 kilometres apart, one in Washington State and one in Louisiana.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences describes these instruments as “new kinds of telescopes,” designed to measure gravitational waves rather than light. The existence of gravitational waves was predicted by Albert Einstein in his general theory of relativity a century ago, but the waves were only detected by the LIGO two years ago. Now this project has received the Nobel.

Gravitational waves are created by very massive objects such as neutron stars or black holes, objects whose gravitational fields create “ripples” in space. In order to detect these infinitesimal waves, the interferometer must be incredibly sensitive. “It’s as if you took the distance from the Earth to the Sun, and that orbit suddenly got bigger by one atom,” Joseph explained to Selwyn House’s Veritas magazine. “That’s the sort of scale of distance we’re trying to measure.”

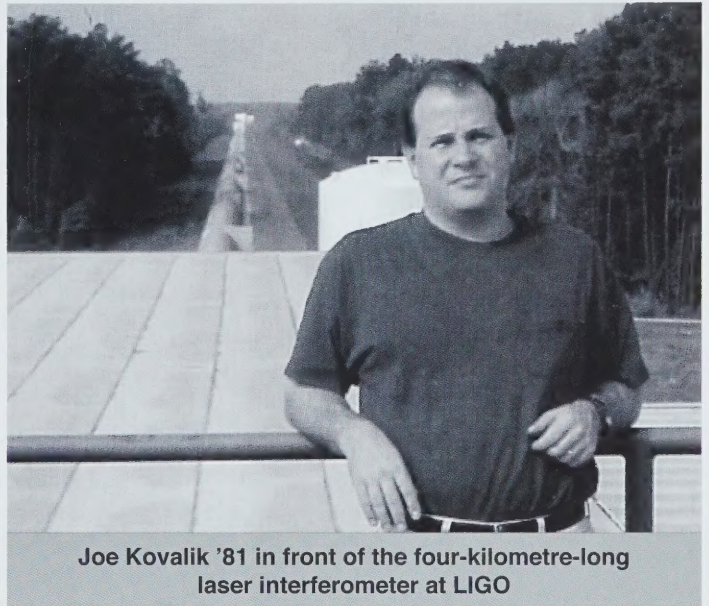
After graduating from Selwyn House in 1981, Joe Kovalik earned a B.S. with Honors in physics from the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in 1986, and a Ph.D. in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1994. Nobel laureate Rainer Weiss was his PhD adviser there.

From 1982 until 1986 he worked at the Division of Geological and Planetary Sciences, at Caltech. From 1986 until 1995 he worked in the Department of Physics at MIT as a graduate research assistant and later as a post-doctoral research associate, working on understanding the thermal noise limits of the LIGO interferometer both experimentally and theoretically.

For years afterward, he worked as a laboratory scientist at the LIGO Project in Louisiana, where he was involved in all the aspects of commissioning the LIGO detector, being responsible for the operation of the laser, various control systems and measurement of detector performance.

Joe is now working at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. “The group I joined studies how to use lasers to communicate with spacecraft all the way to Mars,” Joe says. “Eventually, we would like to stream high definition video from Mars instead of slowly sending pictures one at a time.

“There are thousands of people involved with the LIGO project now,” Joe says, “but I was there at the beginning.... The fact that we can detect the collision of black holes because they distort spacetime is quite amazing, given how small the



**Joe Kovalik '81 in front of the four-kilometre-long laser interferometer at LIGO**

effect is. It is also remarkable that people were able to take a very abstract theory like general relativity and invent all kinds of fantastic scenarios, including that of black holes colliding. This seemed like complete science fiction, but it turns out to be true.”

## Rob Wearing

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students, Rob admits his greatest regret over the years has been the students who “you want to keep in school but you don’t know how you’re going to do it. It always seemed to me that the school took a student in, so there was some obligation to make sure he got through, come hell or high water,” he says, “and sometimes the water was pretty high. I always took it very personally when a kid was asked to leave or failed or decided to go elsewhere.”

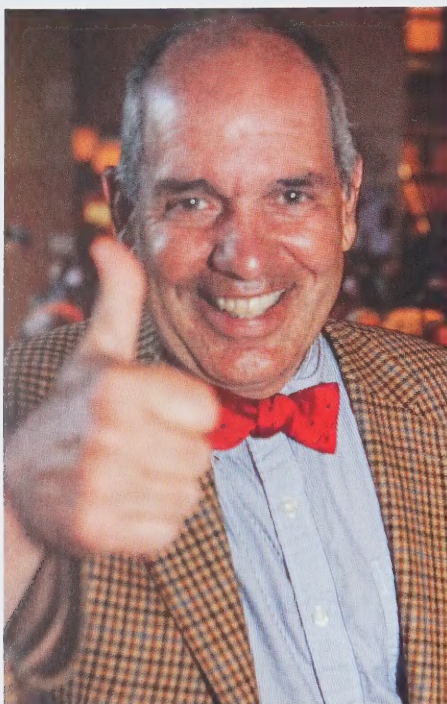
“I always enjoyed kids. If you keep your eyes and ears open they can teach you an awful lot. I’m sure I learned as much from them as I imparted to them. Hopefully you never make the same mistake twice. Once you learn a lesson you learn it well.”

One of the reasons Rob was initially enticed to come to Selwyn House was because he thought it would be something completely different.

Has it lived up to that expectation? “It has, indeed,” he says with a smile.



# Alfie Paoletti retires



The Alf

The Speirs Gym was filled with friends, family and colleagues when Alfie Paoletti coached the last basketball game of his career on April 19.

Alfie will be retiring from Selwyn House in December 2018.

An exhibition game between Alfie's current Juvenile team and a squad of Old Boys drew a large audience of well-wishers and old friends. The play was spirited, with the Old Boys itching to show their old coach that they still have what it takes.

And they did. Experience paid off, as the Old Boys were first on the scoreboard and never let up, finishing with a 15-point lead. Mind you, the old-timers' bench was quite long, so they always had a fresh string of subs waiting on the sidelines.

After the game, the crowd retired to Coristine Hall for refreshments and tributes, including a couple of "true stories" courtesy of Alfie's longtime friend and colleague, Marty Boyle.

Alfie had a couple of stories of his own, like the childhood Sunday dinners

when he would race his brother the last hundred metres to Grandma's house.

"I never won any of those races," recalls Alfie, "but I've been hooked on sports ever since."

Another longtime colleague, Peter Govan, presented a moving tribute to his friend, "The Alf" at the school's Athletic Celebration on May 31. "The Alf was well known in the basketball community as a point guard in the powerful Pius programs of the 70s that captured many city and provincial titles," Govan recalled.

From 1972 to 1977, Alfie attended St. Pius X Comprehensive High School in Montreal when the school had just hired three new Phys-Ed teachers and started a brand-new sports program. Having never played sports before, Alf was a quick study, leading his basketball team to a championship win and being named Tournament MVP in his first year on the team.

After high school, Alfie went to Champlain College for a year and coached at Vanier College for three years.

In 1979 he enrolled at McGill, where he discovered long-distance running, which became his passion. He has since run 26 marathons, recording a personal best time of two hours and 46 minutes. Three years into this phase of his life he competed in the Iron Man in Hawaii.

Alfie worked as an assistant basketball

Hall of Fame began to take the school to the next level. "All of a sudden we were winning championships," he says.

In 1988, Alfie and Dave Cude's soccer team beat out 24 schools from across the country to win the CAIS U-13 tournament. On the rugby field, Alfie and Peter Govan have won four senior banners in the past decade.

On the basketball court, this year Alfie took his last Juvenile team into the GMAA finals.

How do today's students compare to those of 30 years ago? "There are more similarities than differences," he says.

"Sportsmanship was better in the old days," he says. Selwyn House teams were "more humble," as he sees it. "It was more of a meritocracy."

Today's kids are more open about showing their emotions, he says, which is great when you're winning. Not so much when you're on the losing end. Today's students, he says, sometimes "need more guidance in navigating the waters of defeat."

"Sportsmanship is so important for teaching people to be civil," he adds. "Not necessarily politically correct, but polite. Humility is important in the learning process."

"We work hard to develop confidence—not merely the appearance of confidence."

The game has changed a bit from

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coach at McGill from 1987 to 1991, as well as at Selwyn House part-time in 1985, becoming full-time two years later. Since then he has been coaching basketball and soccer at every level of school at Selwyn House, putting in 30 years as head coach of senior (Juvenile) basketball.

"We've had our good years and bad years," Alfie admits, but the pace picked up in the late 80s when athletes who are now in the Selwyn House Athletic

the coach's perspective, too, Alfie says. "Coaches always need to reinvent themselves." At one time, athletes seemed to respect their coaches without questioning their credentials. Today, he says, "You have to earn their respect. In time, you do, but you can't rest on your laurels."

"His legacy at Selwyn House is his ability to inspire others, his relationships with the boys, his collegiality and quick

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# Pat Shannon retires

Pat Shannon is retiring at the end of the 2017-2018 school year, after 34 years teaching English in the Senior School and coaching hockey. He recently spoke to *Veritas* about his years at the school, and what they have taught him.

**Pat, as one of our longest-serving staff members, tell us how Selwyn House has changed since you started here in 1984.**

Obviously, the physical plant comes to mind: in my first year, our student body numbered around 540, but we were entirely contained in what is now the Lucas Building. I can't recall our having a dedicated space for either advancement or admissions. I shared an office with Carol Manning, David Cude, Monty Krindle, and maybe two other people. We also shared a rotary telephone; smartphones were like that wall unit in *The Jetsons*. I think the purchase of the church (Macaulay Building) in 1985 was huge, but the architectural changes we made four years ago—the use of glass classroom doors, for instance—has made the biggest difference.

**With all these cool rooms and laptops, has learning improved?**

Yes it has, but not as much as you'd think. Boys 30 years ago read linear text more calmly than now, for instance, but my best students in 1985 and now are identical. My current seniors match up favourably with any I've taught. They're curious and appreciative; they do the homework. What we've lost in recent years, and in large part because of technology, are the attention spans of the bottom kids.

**Is there a particular book or play in the departmental canon that you never got tired of?**

I think I could go on teaching *King Lear* forever. Or certain short stories, like Cather's "Paul's Case." These works are canonical, yes, but contemporary. When Geoff Dowd and I were co-teaching *Macbeth* and *Merchant* in the eighties, we amused ourselves by quoting Shakespeare in our daily conversation. I feel that way with *Lear*. The text is seldom intentionally funny, but my joy in hearing it spoken is constant. Again, my better students respond to this enthusiasm as they always did; the non-readers are waiting for the class to end.

**Lows?** Why we held on with *The Grapes of Wrath* I'll never know—even then it seemed brutal. Or *Brave New World*, which was really just a big long essay on eugenics. Comically, it was commonplace in spring to show a movie of Huxley's book that was entirely filmed inside a jumbo jet.

By the way, you haven't asked me the name of my best writer in 34 years. Moses Tannenbaum 2004.

**Why did you go into teaching?**

I used to wonder this myself—on a bad day, especially. Money's not great, kids are spoiled, all that stuff. Then, I had my own three sons come here, and it was clear I'd won the lottery. I saw the importance of learning, first-hand, and that I could contribute to it. But at 24 I didn't know this; all I could say was that the experience of school, as far back as elementary,



Pat Shannon coaching Trevor Shannon 2001

made me happy. Even as a kid I cherished words, and I loved the chance to distinguish myself in discussion. And maybe I liked the togetherness of school, the community. I'll really miss the community.

I also had great teachers at Loyola and Phillips Exeter, guys who demonstrated that a life devoted to books and young people could be satisfying. As I say, the payoff of my choice has gotten clearer in recent years. I'm very sentimental about leaving.

**Then why leave?**

I can offer a cover story, like I'm tired of driving so much. I am, but I really have two good reasons. One is that winning the attention of the today's kids—"screenagers"—has made it harder than ever to teach English, which necessarily requires a patient mind. The other is a bit more philosophical: I'm just getting older. I'd like to get out while I can still play the back tees.

**Pat, can you share any memories of colleagues or experiences that seem to you unique to Selwyn House?**

Sure. One I like to tell involves Matthew Stevenson '88, one of my favourite students ever. This happened on the annual Stratford trip in 1988. My esteemed colleague, Byron Harker (who was, by then, quite sick with cancer) and I had just taken the students to see a particularly moving version of *A Man for All Seasons*, where I'm sure Byron identified with Sir Thomas More. The boys had no idea what the play was about, and this frustrated Byron. At one point in the play, a highly ornate coat of arms had been lowered behind the actors. Byron climbed aboard the bus and, after blowing a gasket, announced a contest. Voice trembling, he challenged the boys to reproduce the image of the coat of arms on a sheet of paper and submit

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# Pat Shannon retires

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their drawing to his motel room by curfew.

**And someone did?**

Yup. The thing was, after announcing the contest, Byron added, "And the reward is...your honour." Our grip on order, our very lives, hung on that ellipsis. I never got over the fact that Stevenson actually drew it, as in my memory the tapestry had been lowered for about seven seconds before being yanked up.

**You've mentioned Dr. Harker twice now. Any last thoughts on what makes a good teacher?**

Well, Byron had enormous depth in his field, he had a PhD, which satisfies what Headmaster Hannaford rightly signals as

half the magic: know your stuff, and be keen about it. But as I head for the door, the other half, the relational part, also matters: boys absolutely know when you like them. And if they know that you do, you can take them anywhere.

**You coached hockey here for 18 years.**

I did, and that was a lot like the classroom—good years and bad. Of course we had Torrey Mitchell and Mark Spence, but I have to say my best years had nothing to do with the record. Getting some kid to clear the zone while taking a hit was huge. We won most games on pure willpower, pure emotion.

**Again, any memories?**

I'd say the Jamin Kerner ('94) year we won the Bantam finals at LCC. Some crazy multiple of overtimes, three on

three, Haimson (David '94) our goalie. Both teams so tired. By the same token, having hockey bags fly off our bus racks was beyond stressful. My own kids played both for Selwyn House and various community teams for, I guess, a total of 21 years, so one of the adjustments I inevitably had to make is giving up my role as a hockey father.

**Will retirement become you?**

I don't know. Different saying you'll do something and having the actual time to try it. I think that having 34 years of summer breaks has conditioned me to putter successfully. I'll probably travel more. Typical middle-aged stuff. Vonnegut wrote at 60 that he was finally reading *Anna Karenina*. He'd heard it was good.

## Parent Volunteer Executive 2017-2018



Parent Volunteer Executive, from left: Tiphane Willems, Nancy Berney, Anne Garschagen, Joyce McCauley, Karen Anderson, Kimberly Auclair (staff), Rinku Mondal and Lorna Denham (chair).



# Alfie Paoletti retires

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wit, and his exemplary sportsmanship as a coach,” said Govan.

“It’s been fun,” Afie says of his years at Selwyn House. “I have enjoyed relationships with my colleagues, both at Selwyn House and in the athletic community across the country.”

How will The Alf keep busy in retirement? In addition to his love of cycling, music, painting, good food and good friends, he will carry on organizing the annual golf tournament for athletic directors of CAIS schools that he has been running for the past 28 years.

Alfie will continue to work as a national referee supervisor,

assigning and evaluating officials all across Canada from U-15 to university level. He was recently awarded the Hank Wilcox Award by the Canadian Basketball Association for his contribution to the development of officials and is now regarded as one of Canada’s top referee supervisors.

It’s clear that Alfie is grateful for all that his career at Selwyn House has allowed him to do.

“It has been an enriching life experience,” he says. “Opportunities built upon themselves, and these are things I don’t take for granted.”

“Sports are my life,” he says in conclusion. “Coaching is the next best thing to being a professional athlete.”

## Message from the President of the OBA



To the Class of 2018:

Congratulations! You’ve made it.

Whether you arrived in September or are graduating as a Lifer, it is my honour to welcome you all to the Selwyn House Old Boys’ Association.

Counting over 3,700 members in 51 countries, the OBA provides platforms to connect Old Boys around the globe. Welcome to the club. Membership is free, and I hope that you will participate in some of the 90+ activities hosted by the OBA each year, ranging from the Old Boys’ Jazz Band, weekly pickup basketball games, or more formal reunions such as those held in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, New York,

Boston, San Francisco, London and Paris. For the sporting types, be sure to keep in mind the Annual Old Boys & Friends’ Golf Tournament, the Golf Fall Classic, the Colin No Basketball Tournament, and the Old Boys’ Tennis Tournament. In short, there is no lack of opportunities to get together with new and familiar Old Boys, wherever you may be.

Sachez aussi que notre Association ne se limite pas simplement aux rendez-vous sociaux et aux activités sportives. L’OBA, c’est une famille, et une famille ça se tient. Vous graduez de Selwyn House armé d’une excellente éducation, de votre bilinguisme (et parfois trilinguisme!), de votre énergie et de votre enthousiasme. Ce sont de précieux atouts, certes, mais sachez aussi que vous faites maintenant parti d’un réseau d’anciens qui sont à votre entière disposition. La vie est remplie de surprises, et les Old Boys seront toujours là pour vous aider. Que vous recherchiez des conseils sur votre parcours universitaire ou votre carrière, ou que vous cherchiez simplement un ami dans une nouvelle ville inconnue, n’hésitez pas à nous faire signe.

So as you go off on to the next phase of your life, be bold and dare greatly. Strive to achieve your wildest dreams, and know that your Selwyn House family will support you every step of

the way. We Gryphons have VERITAS etched on our hearts, and we will be as eager to help in times of adversity as we will be to celebrate your inevitable success. At the risk of sounding trite, I leave you with the following words in the hopes that they may inspire you upon your journey:

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.” – Theodore Roosevelt

Congratulations on your tremendous achievements, and good luck in your future endeavours!

**Charles-Alexandre Vennat, President,  
Selwyn House Old Boys’ Association**



# Boisjoli film wins at Sundance

Evren Boisjoli 2008 said he was “absolutely stunned” when he learned in January that *Fauve*, a new film he co-produced, had won the special jury award for live action short films at the Sundance Film Festival in Utah.

Filmed in Quebec, *Fauve* is shot in a surface mine, where two boys sink into a seemingly innocent power game, with Mother Nature as the sole observer.

Directed by Jeremy Comte and co-produced by Evren and Maria Gracia Turgeon, *Fauve* is one of 69 films selected from over 9000 films submitted to Sundance.

“I was speechless to receive the news and I’m still stunned sharing this with all my friends and family who supported me and my films,” Evren said.

The Sundance Film Festival, founded in 1981 by actor Robert Redford, takes place annually in Park City, Utah, and is the largest independent film festival in the United States. The 2018 festival ran from January 18 through 28.

Sundance Institute is a nonprofit organization that provides and preserves the space for artists in film, theatre, and new media to create and thrive. The Institute’s signature Labs, granting, and mentorship programs, dedicated to developing new work, take place throughout the year in the U.S. and internationally.



major festival except Seattle,” he says, including festivals in Vienna and Aspen and Palm Springs.

“We’re probably going to do an Oscar run next year,” Evren told *Veritas*. This would involve hiring a publicist and negotiating to have *Fauve* seen by enough Academy voters to get shortlisted and launch the campaign to be nominated.

Evren has a lot of other projects in the

Africa who endure one of the most dangerous sea crossings in the world to travel from Libya to Italy. He describes it as a multimedia documentary that will deal with the brutality suffered by many refugees, who, he says, are often threatened with slavery or murder. Shooting should take place in 2019 and 2020.

“Both these projects give back and illustrate an issue, with the goal of changing people’s minds about immigrants,” Evren says.

Aside from these films, Evren’s personal career is taking flight. In May he was one of six Quebec producers chosen by Société de développement des entreprises culturelles to attend the Cannes Film Festival, which he says is “one of the best festivals to attend” for making international contacts in the industry.

Back home, he was recently accepted by the Canadian Film Centre as one of five producers invited to take part in a five-month professional development program.

**“I was speechless to receive the news, and I’m still stunned sharing this with my friends and family who supported me and my films.”**

Selwyn House teachers Dan Elbling and Samarah Sayegh, who have seen *Fauve*, described it as “haunting” and “unlike anything I’ve ever seen.”

But Sundance is not the only festival where the film has been screened. There are a lot of film festivals out there these days, and recently Evren and his associates have had a film in a festival somewhere almost every day.

“We’ve won an award at almost every

works as well. He and director Jeremy Comte are presently scouting locations and actors in Ghana for a live-action feature-length film with the working title *Overseas* that he describes as a coming-of-age story that parallels the adventures of a young man in Ghana with those of a young man in Quebec.

And that’s not all. Another new film they are calling *The Migrant Project* deals with refugees from Sub-Saharan



# Guzzo joins cast of *Dragon's Den*

Many in the Selwyn House community know Old Boy Vincenzo Guzzo '86 pretty well. He sits on the school's board of directors, has been extremely active in the Old Boys' Association for years and has been such a huge supporter of the school that his name is practically etched in the stone from which the school is built.

Vince is blessed with a dynamic personality that gives him a larger-than-life presence. Obviously, a guy like this is a reality TV program waiting to happen.

Well, wait no longer, Selwyn House. On September 20, Vince will begin appearing as a member of the investors' panel on season 13 of the popular CBC series *Dragon's Den*.

The program taped all the episodes for season 13 earlier this year in a marathon of shooting in Toronto. Vince and the rest of the cast were at the studio every morning at 6 a.m. for makeup and would put in 12-hour days on camera. The whole experience, he says, has given him a new respect for on-camera actors and personalities.

"With several successful family businesses, Vince will be the perfect Dragon to help turn Canadian entrepreneurs' dreams into reality," says the CBC, describing him as "a sassy entertainment mogul who has disrupted the movie landscape by living and breathing the Canadian Dream."

No one can dispute Vince's credibility as an entrepreneur. What began as his father's small movie business has grown into a 141-screen, 10-theatre chain, the third largest in Canada. In 1998, he sued the biggest chains in Canada for equal access to first-run movies, and won. His company now includes a real estate division, construction division, a hospitality division and even a medical division.

Never one to under-sell himself, Vince told the CBC he thinks he brings to the *Dragon's Den* panel, "good looks, a great fashion sense, and probably a different branding approach."

But those who know him would say that his strongest asset would probably be his reputation as a tough negotiator.



Vince Guzzo '86

"My business experience is a cutthroat one," he told CBC. "It's basically one that either I can be your partner and we can make money together or I have no use for you."

The gloves are off and the season hasn't even started yet.

# Championship belt comes to SHS

Selwyn House Wrestling Coach Rob Moore dropped in on a recent meeting of school directors on November 8 with a little surprise: the championship belt won by ultimate fighter George St. Pierre in his comeback bout in Madison Square Garden on November 4, 2017, where St-Pierre returned from a four-year hiatus to defeat Michael Bisping and become the UFC middleweight champion.

Upon his return from New York to his hometown of Montreal, St-Pierre presented his belt to the coaches at the Montreal Wrestling Club, in appreciation for the coaching and training he has received there.

"What a humble, classy, incredibly honest and appropriate thing to do," said Rob.

"For the past 16 years, George has been training with us at the Montreal Wrestling Club/National Training Centre, where I have been helping him in his preparation for numerous world events," he explains.

Rob has been coaching at Selwyn since 1988 and is also currently a coach for the Canadian National Wrestling Team. He is also currently coaching his son, 2014 Selwyn House grad

Alex Moore, who is currently a Sport Canada Carded Athlete and 2020 Olympic Hopeful.



From left: Matilde Codina, Carol Manning, Mike Maurovich, Kathy Funamoto, Mike Downey, Rob Moore, Hal Hannaford, Minna Shulman and Brenda Montgomery



# SHS opens Student Success Centre

The Selwyn House School Student Success Centre (SSC), a creative space that offers students a caring, welcoming and safe learning environment, was officially opened on October 25, 2017.

Sponsors Alan '79 and Roula Rossy cut the ribbon to christen the beautiful three-room SSC space that has been created on the third floor of the Speirs Building. The SSC is staffed by Learning Strategists Beth Saunders and Sébastien Lajoie, with the help of Administrative Assistant Tanya Graham.

The Student Success Centre was created to help students who may be facing difficulties in mastering all the organizational skills needed to succeed in school. "Our role at Selwyn House is to provide a supportive environment so that every student reaches his full potential," says Beth.

"We want to make sure that the learning needs of every student are met," adds Sébastien.

With the latest in computer and audio-visual technology and ergonomic furniture designed with students in mind, the SSC can comfortably serve 10 students at a time. The rooms are laid out with glass walls and lots of windows, for an open feeling and ample natural light.

The SSC serves all levels of students. "In Elementary School, our focus is really a return to those basic skills of reading,



From left: Susan Doherty, Beth Saunders, Roula Rossy, Christopher Rossy 2022, Alan Rossy '79 and Sébastien Lajoie at the official opening of the new Student Success Centre

*"When the boys leave here, they're able to take control of their own learning."*

emotional awareness and social skills," explains Beth. "When our boys enter Middle School, we help provide effective study habits, organizational skills and time-management techniques."

"When they get to Senior School we really focus on independence and self-advocacy, so that when boys leave here, they're able to take control of their own learning," adds Sébastien.

In addressing the guests at the grand opening of the SSC, Headmaster Hal Hannaford praised the project for helping to "kill the stigma" that too often surrounds learning difficulties.

The staff of the Student Success Centre assist students by:

- Developing, maintaining and updating individualized education plans
- Helping students understand their learning styles
- Teaching organizational skills and effective study habits
- Working one-on-one and in small group-learning sessions to overcome learning challenges
- Providing reading, writing, and comprehension accommodations during tests and exams
- Monitoring each student's progress to offer customized support



Sébastien Lajoie assists a student.



# SELMUN outstanding in NYC

The Selwyn House Model United Nations (SELMUN) team was named an Outstanding Delegation in the “Western Europe and Other” category at the World Federation of United Nations Associations, held in February at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, near the UN Building in New York.

The SELMUN delegation earned this distinction because six out of eight team members won Individual Diplomacy Awards at the conference, which included approximately 1000 delegates from 60 countries.

The team is comprised of: Rory Krnjecic, Philippe Guertin, Imtiyaz Bandali and Arie Rosenthal (all Gr. 9); Ian Mahutte and Stanford Li (both Gr. 10); and Luke Kalaydjian and Sean Watson (both Gr. 11).

The Selwyn House Model UN was the brainchild of Selwyn House Old Boy Abhinav Gupta 2009, who leads the group with Middle School géographie teacher Sylvain Decelles as faculty adviser.

Abhinav describes SELMUN as “an extracurricular that’s structured like an academic course. It’s both curriculum and club.”

“At some schools, Model UN is a full-time course,” he says. “Some schools even structure it so that you don’t pass unless you’ve earned an award at a conference.”

Model UN competitions can take place in a simulation of UN General Assembly bodies, or in smaller national or regional committees or cabinets. Competitors must deal with things such as economic crises, wars, or natural disasters, with detailed proposals and legislation.

“It’s as grounded in reality as possible,” Abhinav points out. “The level of research requires both breadth and depth; it requires a great amount of reading on the topics at hand.”

As he preps the team for conferences, Abhinav aims to teach them basic concepts in political science and international relations, and coach them in how to research, write position papers and legislation, debate, and negotiate.

“The idea is to appreciate the



From left: Stanford Li, Arie Rosenthal, Ian Mahutte, Luke Kalaydjian, Rory Krnjecic, Abhinav Gupta, Imtiyaz Bandali, Philippe Guertin and Sean Watson

complexities of what the people from these countries deal with. To be able to actually understand what’s going on in the world.”

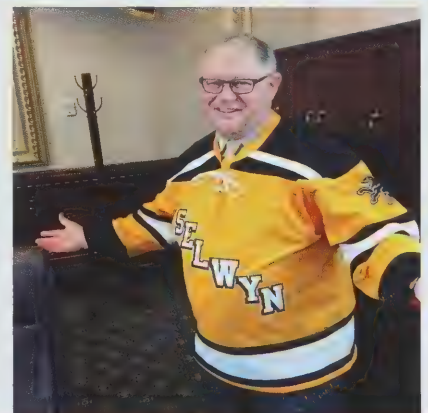
SELMUN had a successful run last year, competing at conferences at Marianopolis and McGill. This spring, they competed at John Abbott College in April and hosted a conference here at Selwyn House May 4-6.

Worldwide, Model United Nations dates back to Harvard University in 1927, where it was created as a simulation based on the League of Nations. Five

years ago, the UN reportedly estimated that between 100,000 and 200,000 high school and university students were participating at conferences annually.

The recent conference in New York was co-sponsored by the World Federation of United Nations Associations, a global non-profit organization representing over 100 MUN clubs, and Worldview Education, an organization that offers experiential learning programs for students that focus on global challenges and problems, and engages students in finding solutions to them.

Jacques Chagnon, Member of the Quebec National Assembly for Westmount—Saint-Louis and Speaker of the House, wore a Selwyn House Gryphons hockey jersey for a group photo with his provincial, federal and territorial colleagues in support of the victims of the tragic bus accident in which members of the Humboldt, Saskatchewan Broncos were killed on April 6. Photo courtesy of Old Boy Michael Forian 2011, Political Attaché to Mr. Chagnon.





# Elisii wins national beatbox competition

On only his second trip to the nationals, GianCarlo Elisii 2015 won the Canadian Beatbox Championship, held this year at Lee's Palace in Toronto on November 4, 2017.

He beat out 16 competitors for the title, becoming the first Canadian Champion to hail from Montreal. "The Canadian scene is awesome," he says. "Toronto is the hub, but Montreal is growing."

GianCarlo got his start in beatboxing by watching YouTube videos. "I became obsessed," he confesses. He learned the techniques of the masters, eventually moving on to perfect his own style. His first performances were at Selwyn House, at talent shows and at the school's coffeehouse events. Taking the school's Music Production course with Adam Hodgins "helped me a lot," he says.

He has devised a notation system for the sounds he makes, which include an array of horn and synthesizer sounds as well as drums. He uses this technique to plan a performance.

At home he often practices for up to 45 minutes at a stretch, sometimes slipping into a zone where he is not conscious of what he's doing.

A modest person, he sometimes loses sight of what he has already attained. "It still hasn't hit me," he says. "I don't feel like I'm the Canadian champ."

GianCarlo is currently studying Social Sciences at Vanier, but he remains serious about his art. "I want to make my mark on the international scene," he says. He has several competitions



GianCarlo being interviewed at Selwyn House

coming up this summer, including the International Championship in Germany.

On December 15, GianCarlo returned to Selwyn House to film an interview and performance for *Daily VICE*, the online news offshoot of VICE Media.

# Big turnout for Young Old Boys' Barbecue



Fifty-five Old Boys, staff, guests and parents attended the Young Old Boys' Barbecue at Selwyn House on August 17, 2017. The annual event gives recent graduates a chance to get together while they are home from CEGEP or university.



# Josh Wolfe: The Forgotten Exodus

**J**osh Wolfe 2002, who works for a Jewish advocacy group on governmental relations, returned to Selwyn House on November 28, 2017 with a message that puts our current refugee crises in historical context.

The date Josh gave his speech was important. He began his talk to Grade 11 students by asking whether anyone knew the importance of the following date: November 29, 1947. It was the day the United Nations voted to partition Palestine. War broke out the following day, which is still observed as the official day to mark the departure and expulsion of Jews from the Arab countries and Iran. This forced expulsion is what Josh refers to as The Forgotten Exodus.

"These days when we think of refugees we mostly think of Syrian refugees," said Josh. "We are, as a country, taking in quite a few Syrian refugees, and the Canadian government has taken a

position that is not like many countries in the world. We are welcoming a large number of them, and we have a strategy to integrate them."

Between 1920 and 1970, 900,000 Jews were expelled from Arab and other Muslim countries in the Middle East. Of those expelled, 600,000 settled in the new State of Israel, while 300,000 came to France, the US and Canada.

Pan-Arab nationalism was becoming popular throughout the Arab world. Arab countries began to promote a national identity that in many ways excluded Jews, Josh explained. In some Arab countries, such as Egypt, Jews had their citizenship taken away. "An Egyptian, from then on, was defined as someone who had Arab-Muslim affiliation," he said.

"In countries like Iraq, a Jewish community with a long history "was wiped out virtually overnight" through systematic denationalization, legal discrimination, isolation and sequestration, economic pressure, socioeconomic discrimination or violent pogroms.

"Very similar things to what happened to Jews in Nazi Germany in the 1930s were happening in Arab world at much the same time."

Jews were stripped of their right to vote, forbidden to teach their language, required to register their businesses and were forbidden to work in the public service, hold public office or enlist in the military or police.

Ironically, many of these same countries did not want their Jewish populations to leave, because those governments feared these people would move to Israel and increase the Jewish population there, thus strengthening Israel.

"So, in 1948, Jews were no longer allowed to leave Iraq," Josh said. The same went for Egypt, the same for Yemen in 1949, and in 1950 Libya withdrew the passports of its Jewish population."

Assets were frozen. Bank accounts became state owned. Those inclined to move to Israel were held in exchange for



Josh Wolfe

ransom from the World Jewish Congress.

In the 1940s there were violent pogroms in Egypt, Iraq and Libya. There were riots, hundreds killed, mass arrests, and widespread destruction of Jewish homes and businesses.

Many of those who escaped the Middle East came to the US, Canada, or elsewhere as refugees.

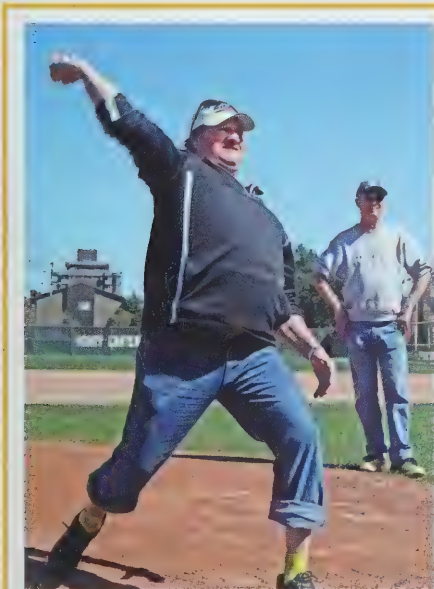
Josh showed videos of Jewish refugees who now live in Montreal. Their stories are filled with hardship and heartache, but they are happy now in their new home. "What was the takeaway from the video?" Josh asked the students.

Their answer: the refugees in the video all seemed grateful.

"While they may have gone through very hard times and life was extremely difficult for them, coming to a place like Canada, a very welcoming country, a place where they are made to feel equal and given equal opportunities, is something they all celebrate," Josh said.

"There are people who are unhappy with the fact that refugees are coming [to Canada today]," Josh said, "but, at the end of the day, they're not the first refugees to come to Canada."

The video subjects, he said, "are all examples of how refugees can be integrated into the society in which they live."



On May 8, retired Selwyn House Athletic Director Steve Mitchell threw the first pitch to open the school's 2018 baseball season. Joining him on the mound was his former rival from LCC, Bob Spencer. These two created the baseball programs at their respective schools 25 years ago.



# SHS to host major conference on the arts in boys' education

Everyone at Selwyn House School is thrilled to be hosting the IBSC international conference in the summer of 2019. The International Boys' Schools Coalition is a non-profit group of schools devoted to the development and betterment of boys' education. Through hosting conferences, both regionally and internationally, the IBSC brings educators and students together to discuss effective teaching methods for guiding boys on their journey to manhood and personal fulfillment.

SHS has been involved in the IBSC since the organization's early years. Selwyn House Dean of Students Minna Shulman has been a member of the IBSC Board of Trustees, as well as head of the research committee focused on such projects as relational teaching, frameworks for character education and mastery in teaching boys. The IBSC has driven the research on how boys learn, and the relational teaching focus has been an outgrowth of that research.

Selwyn House hosted an IBSC regional conference in 2017 on Enhancing Boys' Lives Through the Arts.

The IBSC annual conferences bring together educators of boys from around the world. Selwyn House will be hosting over 600 delegates in 2019 with the goal of exploring the healing of art and the art of healing in boys' lives.

A team from SHS were in Australia in July for the 2018 Annual Conference. They were involved in every aspect of the conference, from the welcome at registration to the Action Research Project, the program for spouses and family members, the content and format, and the food and hospitality.

While in Australia, the SHS team also proudly invited all the IBSC delegates to come to Montreal in 2019, luring the conference delegates with an incredible invitational video made by and with Selwyn House students, faculty and Old Boys, with a special welcoming message



from The Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Selwyn House is relying on student, faculty, Old Boy, and parent volunteers to make this conference possible. Minna is spearheading the committee. This conference will be a complete community undertaking, and everyone is keen to get involved.

One of the highlights of the 2019 conference will be the chance for the community to get involved through volunteering and sponsorship. Sponsorship opportunities include the conference receptions, transportation, keynote speakers, entertainment, conference gifts, and more. The Selwyn House IBSC team strongly encourages everyone's participation and support.

We are excited to explore the creative and healing power of the arts and their ability to promote wellness in the lives of boys. The conference theme of "Boys and the Arts: Great Minds, Big Hearts" will

attract inspiring speakers and workshop presenters who will focus on all areas of the creative arts, mental health and the potential of the arts to promote healing, wellness, and personal change.

Small in campus, Selwyn House is large in history, programs, and commitment to boys. We are confident that our guests will have a wonderful action-packed experience at our school and in our city.

Montreal is an amazing city, and the summer is a perfect time to visit. One of the summer's highlights, the world-famous Montreal Jazz Festival, runs from June 27 through July 6, 2019 and will overlap with the conference.

To watch the video for the IBSC conference to be held in 2019 at Selwyn House, use the QR code at right, or go to [www.selwyn.ca/ibsc](http://www.selwyn.ca/ibsc)



#### Scheduled speakers include:

- Dr. Ned Hallowell - ADHD expert and best-selling author
- Chilly Gonzales - Grammy winner for *The Gonzervatory*
- Adam Cox PhD - Clinical Psychologist, author of *Cracking the Boy Code*
- Molly Johnson - Canadian singer and jazz icon
- Dr. Sonia Lupien - Director, Centre for Studies on Human Stress



# Reunion 2017 breaks records



**William Daly (left) and Tim Carsley, Class of '52**

The 2017 Montreal Old Boys' Reunion, held on October 13 saw a record-breaking attendance of 168.

Present were:

Robert P. Aguayo '82  
Per Amundsen '67  
Andrea Angelini (staff)  
Christopher C. Au 2007  
Kimberly Auclair (staff)  
Blair C. Baldwin '72  
Dean J. Barriere '77  
Sebastien M. Beard 2007  
J. Luc Beaubien '72  
Jennifer Kemeny  
Roberto F. Bellini '97  
Adam C. Benjamin '97  
Philippe O. Bexton '97  
Charles V. Bierbrier '93  
Kathleen Biggs (former staff)  
Nathaniel A. Blumer 2007  
Julien Bohbot 2012  
Evren A. Boisjoli 2008  
Kevin S. Boyle '97  
Robert G. Briscoe '87  
Philippe E. Brock 2012  
James G. Brooks '97  
Christopher T. Bruneau '87  
Domenico C. Brunetti 2002  
Lourenço Bustani '97  
Alan J. Byrne '67  
Michael J. Carreiro '92  
Timothy R. Carsley '52  
Nicholas Chabanne-Salbaing 2012  
Kamran P. Chaudhry 2007  
Robert I. Chon 2002  
Jeffy Chui 2002  
Mary Ann Cloherty (staff)  
Charles C. Colby '97  
Bill Cottingham '72  
Michael C. Culver '67  
Michael E. Dalgleish '97  
William H. Daly '52  
Eli H. Daniels '67  
Carl Dholandas '97  
Robert C. Diez d'Aux '64



**Members of the Class of '67**



**Members of the Class of '72**



**Members of the Class of '77**



# Montreal Reunion 2017

Judy Diez d'Aux  
Susan Doherty (guest)  
Philippe F. Dorland '67  
Michael Downey (staff)  
Antoine V. Duong 2012  
Michael A. Durcak '97  
Kenneth W. Eakin '87  
Christopher Eich '97  
Robert Fagan '97  
Timothy D. Fitzpatrick '77  
Daniel I. Flanders '92  
Tim Fleiszer '92  
Stephen J. Fontein '77  
Kathy Funamoto (staff)  
William Gallo 2012  
Nicolas L. Gault '77  
Jonathan F. Goldbloom '72  
Trevor K. Ham '87  
Reid Hannaford 2012  
Hal Hannaford (staff)  
Gregory P. Hannon '72  
William J. Harris 2007  
Andrew G. Hodhod 2002  
Andrew Horn '92  
Steven Horrobin '87  
Thomas Hruby '72  
Ziad Kaedbey '97  
Larry T. Karass '72  
Adam A. Karpman 2012  
Tomas Kaufman '77  
Matthew D. Kendrick 2007  
Matthew Kerner '92  
Esko T. Kilpinen '82  
Irina Kondratieva (staff)  
Sherwin S. Kong 2002  
Morgan N. Lackenbauer '97  
Charles-Alexandre Lacoste-Lépine 2012  
Mark C. Lamorey '92  
Barry J. Lazar '67  
Robert E. Levy '77  
Patricia Levy  
Bill Lloyd '87  
Brian Ludgate '69  
Stephen M. Ludgate '71  
Helen Hayes  
Carol Manning (staff)  
Paul-Eric Marko '87  
Niki Croteau  
Ian A. Marquis '97  
Kerry Martin '57  
Richard Z. Martz '97  
Jonathan Mashaal 2011  
Bradley J. Massi '97  
Mike Maurovich (staff)  
Alexandre J. Mayer 2007  
Paul Mayer '74  
James F. McMillan (staff)  
David L. Metcalf '87  
Cary W. Miller '67  
Deborah Malin  
Jasjeet S. Minhas '97  
Marc D. Minogue 2007  
Ramin Mohsenin 2007  
Otto Mok '92



**Members of the Class of '82**



**Members of the Class of '87**



**Members of the Class of '92**



# Montreal Reunion 2017

Cedrik W. Moore 2014  
 Geoffrey S. Moore '83  
 Lucinda Morton  
 Ajay Narasimhadevara '97  
 Edwin M. Nation '72  
 Douglas Naudie '88  
 Duncan Naudie  
 Kieran Naudie  
 Kristen Naudie  
 Thomas J. Nicoll (former staff)  
 Nicholas G. Niro 2002  
 Tobias No '97  
 John J. Norman '82  
 Peter C. Oliver '77  
 Filip Papich '77  
 David Pascal '82  
 Alexander C. Patch '77  
 Andrej I. Pavlovic 2007  
 Christopher A. Powell '77  
 William E. Powell '77  
 Shirley Powell  
 Ryan J. Quinn 2007  
 David C. Rappaport 2007  
 Kevin K. Ratcliff '77  
 Susan Hum  
 Neil S. Riddell '87  
 Najib P. Sallman 2002  
 Giovanni Scalia 2002  
 Stephen O. Scott '77  
 Linda Tipping  
 William B. Scully '92  
 Donald W. Shannon '72  
 Gerald D. Shaw '67  
 Minna R. Shulman (staff)  
 John G. Shuter '72  
 Geoffrey F. Skinner '77  
 Malcolm A. Speirs '77  
 Benjamin W. Spencer 2000  
 Murrah Stark '74  
 George H. Stinnes '70  
 Aria Helenius  
 Huntly G. Stratford '72  
 Sywa Sung '87  
 Eric T. Sutton '72  
 David T. Ta Kim 2007  
 Jonathan D. Trafficante 2012  
 Jason Tsoukas '99  
 Charles-Alexandre Vennat 2005  
 Donald C. Vinh '92  
 Robert S. Vroom '97  
 Kevin Wang '97  
 Thomas Watt '96  
 J. Richard Weldon '74  
 Joanne Lelovic  
 Barry J. Williams (former staff)  
 Bruce Williams '77  
 Richard Wills (staff)  
 Josh Wisenthal '99  
 Joshua B. Wolfe 2002  
 Nicholas A. Yanow '97  
 Kenneth Yau '92  
 Tim Zyto '82



**Members of the Class of '97**



**Members of the Class of 2002**



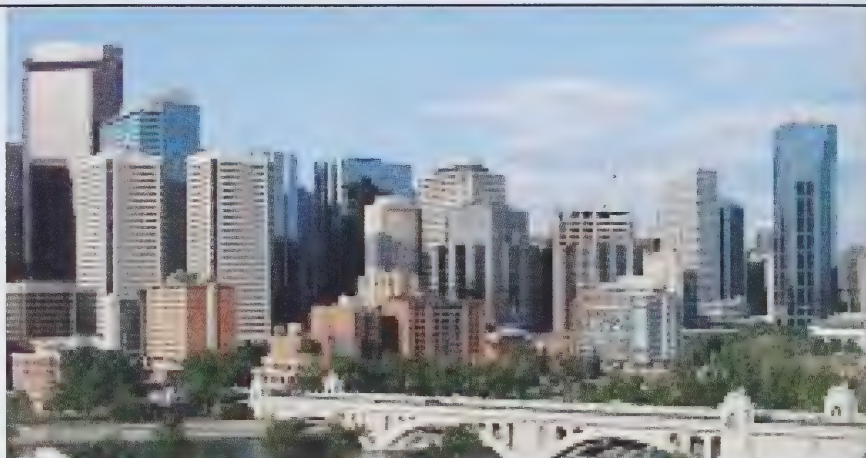
**Members of the Class of 2012**



# Reunions

## CALGARY

Eleven Old Boys, staff members and guests attended the Calgary Old Boys' Reunion, held at the Vintage Chop House and Tavern on October 23, 2017. Attending were: Chris Chan '99, Mike Downey (staff), John Drummond '67, Kasey Fukada '84, Alexander Gault '80, Taylor Gray '73, James F. McMillan (staff), Jamie Seguin '96, Andrew Smith '86, Andy Weldon '73 and Timothy Winn '85.



## LOS ANGELES

Seven Old Boys, staff members and guests attended the Los Angeles Reunion at Valentino's Restaurant in Santa Monica on October 26, 2017. Attending were: Michael Downey (staff), James F. McMillan (staff), JJ Molson 2014, Ross Nordin '76, Martha Palcan, Sywa Sung '87 and Michael Wexler '88.



## PARIS

Ten Old Boys, staff members and guests attended the Paris Reunion at Restaurant 58 Tour Eiffel on March 21. Present were: Jonathan Burnham '83, Derek de Bono '87, Timothy Bishop '85, Hal Hannaford (staff), Matthew Jablonski 2010, Hugh Markey '67, James F. McMillan (staff), Fredrik Svenstedt '84, Alain Weber (retired staff) and Lourdes Weber (guest).





# Reunions

## SAN FRANCISCO

Seven Old Boys, staff members and guests attended the 2017 San Francisco Reunion, held at The Thirsty Bear on October 25, 2017. Attending were: Erik C. Blachford '84, Justin Borntraeger '96, Michael Downey (staff), James F. McMillan (staff), Ian Ratzer '98, Ariana Snowdon (guest) and Tom West '84.



## VANCOUVER

Seventeen Old Boys, staff members and guests attended the Vancouver Reunion, held at The Sandbar on October 24. Attending were: Michael Alexandor '52, Jonny Aune '92, Erik Austin '77, Noah Bloom '96, Zander Brais 2011, Tim Charron 2007, Diana Colby (guest), Graham Colby '96, Michael Downey (staff), Cam Landell '75, James F. McMillan (staff), Jon Mechanic 2006, David Miller '80, Danny Naami '99, Hilary Rousseau (guest), John Schwenk '77 and Matt Singerman '96.



## OTTAWA

Twenty-four Old Boys, staff members and guests gathered at the Parliamentary Dining Room on November 8, 2017 for the annual Ottawa Reunion. Present were: Jonathan Adams 2010, Andrew Carswell '87, Nicholas Chabanne-Salbaing 2012, Mary Ann Cloherty (staff), Michael Codina-Lucia 2008, Scott Dick '87, Michael Downey (staff), Greg Fergus '86, Alexander Hadjis 2012, Jon Herman '80, Lise Labelle (guest), Anthony Le Moine '53, Pamela Le Moine (guest), Tom MacKay '90, James F. McMillan (staff), Cameron Mitchell 2008, Rodney Moore '58, Chrisoula Nikidis (guest), Ivan Ralston '61, Benoit Robillard '80, Sara Rose-Carswell (guest), Annette Rose-Robillard (guest), Tony Stikeman '61, George Windsor '56.





# Reunions

## LONDON

Twelve Old Boys, staff members and guests attended the London Reunion, held at the Royal Ocean Racing Club on March 22. Present were: Samer Balaghi 2006, Adam Blanshay '98, Andrew Fitzpatrick 2007, Hal Hannaford (staff), Conrad Harrington 2000, Nick Hopkinson '74, Charles Madon 2005, James F. McMillan (staff), James Phillips '83, George Stinnes '70, Joseph Stonehouse 2004 and Alexander Vit 2007.



## TORONTO

Thirty-five Old Boys, staff members and guests attended the Toronto Reunion on April 24. Present were: Klaus Adams (guest), Ryan Adessky 2010, Joshua Albert '80, Jody Amblard '74, Thomas Antony '93, Sean Bernstein 2003, James Brooks '97, Mary Ann Cloherty (staff), Fred Cowans '69, Michael Duchesne '98, Christopher Eich '97, Karen Ewenson (guest), Tony Garufi '98, Robin Guinness (guest), Sandra Guinness (guest), Josh Hanek 2009, Hal Hannaford (staff), Brendan Keefe 2010, Ammar Khan '95, Robert Latsky 2009, Ryan MacLean 2006, Sean Maislin 2003, Patricia Marsh (retired staff), Sean McKinnon '98, James F. McMillan (staff), Thomas Morse 2004, Dave O'Brien '97, Daniel Palardy 2004, Martin Pitt-Bradley '98, Christopher Roper '72, Shreyas Sukumar 2006, Jason Tsoukas '99, Michael Whitehead '78 and David Williams '80.



## BOSTON

Four Old Boys, staff members and guests attended the Boston Reunion, at the Elephant and Castle Pub on Wednesday, April 25. Present were: Mary Ann Cloherty (staff), Hal Hannaford (staff), Morgan Lackenbauer '97, James F. McMillan (staff), George Sopel '86, Michael Teryazos '90 and Caleb Tse-Lalonde 2013.





# Class of 2018 inducted into OBA

The members of the Graduation Class of 2018 are now also members of the Selwyn House Old Boys' Association, following their induction dinner on November 1, 2017.

As the Grade 11 class gathered in Coristine Hall for a steak dinner, they were joined by 17 Old Boys and staff members to discuss their future plans, and the establish ties between this year's graduates and their older peers.

The Grade 11s were reminded that, when they graduate they join an exclusive club, one that offers great benefits to their careers as well as their social lives.

Older Selwyn House Old Boys often say that their classmates at Selwyn House have continued to be their best friends throughout their lives. The OBA sponsors many events throughout the year in which Old Boys get together to support school endeavours, or simply to have a good time with old friends.

Connections to the school and its graduates also offer great benefits to students as they leave the school and go on to higher education or enter the job market, as well. Old Boys' Association Past President Ben Spencer 2000 reminded the guests that Old Boys around the world are always glad to help



Sebastien Useche 2018 (left) chats with English teacher Pat Shannon.

a recent graduate who might need a recommendation or a bit of advice about his education or career path.

Graduates and staff participating in the Induction Dinner were: Stephen Albers 2008, Charles Bierbrier '93, Evren Boisjoli 2008, Michael Downey (staff), Abhinav Gupta 2009, Hal Hannaford (staff), Tom Konigsthal '74,

Michael Maurovich (staff), James F. McMillan (staff), Cindy Morton (staff), Patrick Shannon (staff), Ben Spencer 2000, Peter Szilagyi '99, Jason Tsoukas '99 and Josh Wisenthal '99.

Grade 11 students automatically become official members of the Old Boys' Association when they graduate from Selwyn House each June.

## NEW YORK

Eight Old Boys, staff members and guests attended the New York Reunion, at Morton's Steakhouse on Thursday, April 26. Present were: Hans Black '98, Adam Cieply 2003, Mary Ann Cloherty (staff), Hal Hannaford (staff), Matthew Herman 2010, David Levenson '91, Alex Mashaal 2010, James F. McMillan (staff), Chris Newlove 2001, Adam Rozencwajg 2001 and Shawn Trudeau 2001.





## Boffey now two in a row at Fall Golf Classic



EJ Boffey, right, receives the winner's trophy from Josh Wisenthal.

E.J. Boffey 2012 returned to win for the second year in a row at the fourth annual Fall Golf Classic, held September 17, 2017 at Caughnawaga Golf Club.

Top foursome were: Michael Aziz, Geoff Hebert, Fred Langelier and Stephen Letko, all from the Class of 2009.

This was also the second year in a row for a team from the Class of 2009.

Playing were: Johnathan Aziz 2011, Michael Aziz 2009, E.J. Boffey 2012, Anthony Chiné-Ciarlone 2003, Geoff Hebert 2009, Fred Langelier 2009, Stephen Letko 2009, Chris Malouf 2011, Tom Spencer 2003 and Josh Wisenthal '99.

## Old Boys' Calendar of Events 2018-2019

Details and registration for each event available at [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca) as each event is confirmed.

**Tuesday, August 7, 2018:**  
Old Boys' Summer Soccer Derby  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. WAG Field

**Wednesday, August 22, 2018:**  
19th Annual Young Old Boys' Barbecue  
(Classes of 2013-2017)  
6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Coristine Hall or OBA Playground

**Tuesdays, Sept. 11, 2018-March 26, 2019:**  
Old Boys' Blues Band  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Band Room

**Sunday, September 16, 2018:**  
5th Annual OBA Fall Classic Golf Tournament  
9:00 a.m. Caughnawaga Golf Club

**Wed, Sept. 19, 2018 to May 15, 2019:**  
Old Boys' Wednesday Night Basketball  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Macaulay Gym  
(blackouts: Oct 3, Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, Mar 6, 13)  
Colin No Classic - Wed. Jan 23, 2019, 6-9 p.m.

**Friday, September 28, 2018:**  
40th Annual Mtl Old Boys' Reunion & AGM  
5:00 – 10:30 p.m. Coristine Hall & Rossy Agora

**Tuesday, October 16, 2018:**  
Calgary Old Boys' Reunion  
6:00 – 9:30 p.m. Venue TBD

**Wednesday, October 17, 2018:**  
Vancouver Old Boys' Reunion  
6:00 – 9:30 p.m. Venue TBD

**Thursday, October 18, 2018:**  
San Francisco Old Boys' Reunion  
6:00 – 9:30 p.m. Venue TBD

**Friday, October 19, 2018:**  
Los Angeles Old Boys' Reunion  
6:00 – 9:30 p.m. Venue TBD

**Thursday, November 1, 2018:**  
Grade 11 OBA Induction Dinner  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Coristine Hall

**Wednesday, November 7, 2018:**  
Ottawa Old Boys' Reunion  
6:00 – 9:30 p.m. Venue TBD

**Thursday, November 22, 2018:**  
Founder's Day  
6:00 – 9:30 p.m. Coristine Hall

**Thursday, December 20, 2018:**  
21st Annual Old Boys' Hockey Tournament  
1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Westmount Recreation Centre

**Wed, January 30, 2019**  
15th Annual Colin No Basketball Classic  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Speirs Gym/Rossy Agora Mac Gym

**Tuesday, February 19, 2019:**  
Jazz at the 'Rossy' - OB Blues Band Concert  
7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Rossy Agora

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019:**  
Paris Old Boys' Reunion  
6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Venue TBD

**Thursday, March 21, 2019:**  
London Old Boys' Reunion  
6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Venue TBD

**Wednesday, March 27, 2019:**  
Jazz at the Rossy - Old Boys' Veritas Blues Club/VIVO  
8:00 – 10:00 p.m. Rossy Agora

**Friday, April 5, 2019:**  
OBA Spring Soccer Derby  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Stinger Dome

**Tuesday, April 23, 2019:**  
Toronto Old Boys' Reunion  
6:00 – 9:30 p.m. Venue TBD

**Wednesday, April 24, 2019:**  
Boston Old Boys' Reunion  
6:00 – 9:30 p.m. Venue TBD

**Thursday, April 25, 2019:**  
New York Old Boys' Reunion  
6:00 – 9:30 p.m. Venue TBD

**Monday, May 27, 2019:**  
21st Annual Old Boys' & Friends Golf Tournament  
12:30 p.m. Kanawaki Golf Club

**Thursday, June 13, 2019:**  
19th Annual Old Boys' Tennis Tournament  
5:30 p.m. Hillside Tennis Club



# Greens take Nicoll / Mitchell Cup



Standing, from left: Phil Cutler 2005, Drew Anderson 2016, Kevin Ratcliff '77, Graeme Jarvis '82, Tim Anderson '86, Alex Wagner 2002, Nicholas Thorpe 2005, Steve Mitchell and Tom Nicoll. Kneeling: Trevor Tabah 2016, William Rossy 2016, Aidan Walter 2015 and Patrick Malouf 2005.

A team of Old Boys with over 30 years in age separating them emerged as the winners of the 20th Annual Nicoll-Mitchell Cup Old Boys' Hockey Tournament, held at Westmount Recreational Centre on December 21, 2017.

An afternoon of hard-fought hockey resulted in the Greens shutting out the Gold team 4-0 in the final.

Blue and Red battled to a tie with the winner selected on the basis of goals against.

Retired Selwyn House hockey coaches Steve Mitchell and Tom Nicoll presented the trophy that bears their names.

Present were:

Cameron Anderson 2014  
Timothy Anderson 1986  
William Anderson 2016  
Kevin Auerbach 2008  
Michael Avedesian 1988  
David Barmish 2012  
Eric-James Boffey 2012  
Mary Ann Cloherty (staff)  
Jacob Cohen 2011  
Philip Cutler 2005  
Paul Delplace 2004  
Jordan Dubuc 2014  
David Dupont 2012  
Angelo Esposito 2006  
David Haber 1994  
Camille Hamel d'Entremont 2005  
Graeme Jarvis 1982  
Nicholas Kaulbach 1994  
Irina Kondratieva (staff)  
Anthony Lowther 2008  
Scott Macdonell (staff)  
Patrick Malouf 2005

James McMillan (staff)  
Steve Mitchell (retired staff)  
Thomas Morse 2004  
Connor Munro 2014  
Liam Nicol 2014  
Tom Nicoll (retired staff)  
Blair Pattee (friend)  
Kevin Ratcliff 1977  
William Rossy 2016  
Mark Spence 1992  
Benjamin Spencer 2000  
Trevor Tabah 2016  
Nicholas Thorpe 2005  
Alexandre Trudeau 2012  
Jason Tsadilas 1988  
Nicolas Vit 2012  
Alexander Wagner 2002  
Aidan Walter 2015  
Ben Wearing 1994  
Richard Wills (staff)  
Joshua Wisenthal 1999  
Spencer Wuest 2012  
Nicholas Yanow 1997





# Colin No Fund reaches \$223K

**T**wenty-two Old Boys, staff and guests took part in the 14th annual Colin No Classic basketball tournament on February 21, 2018.

A number of Old Boys continue to play pick-up games weekly since they graduated, so the Colin No Classic always draws enough players with sharp skills to make for an interesting match-up.

The tournament is organized in memory of Colin No, a 1997 graduate who died in 2002.

The Colin No Fund, which provides needs-based bursaries for students attending Selwyn House, has recently grown to a sum of \$223,237.

To watch a video of the tournament, go to [www.selwyn.ca/old-boys/events/event-videos](http://www.selwyn.ca/old-boys/events/event-videos).



## PLAYERS:

Charles Argue (guest)  
Kevin Boyle '97  
Elliot Burrows 2009  
Phil Clark 2005  
Mark Esposito 2005  
Wayne Glasgow (guest)  
Francesco Grassi 2009  
Michael Haichin 2010  
Robert Joy 2012  
Ziad Kaedbey '97  
Ian Levine 2009  
George Loutochin 2013  
Scott Macdonell (staff)  
Ian Marquis '97  
Oliver Maurovich 2009  
Jon Merritt 2004  
Mike Mills (guest)  
Will Molson 2004  
Brendan Munzar 2005  
Tobias No '97  
George Perlman 2013  
Adrian Schauer '96





# Golf tournament raises \$68,000

Fifty-five golfers enjoyed a perfect day on the links at the 20th Annual Old Boys and Friends' Golf Tournament, held at Kanawaki Golf Club on May 28.

The event raised over \$68,000 for the Old Boys' Endowment Fund, which supports needs-based bursaries for deserving students who could not otherwise attend the school.

A portion of the funds raised will also support the educational initiatives of the Old Boys' Association. Since it was established 12 years ago, the Old Boys' Endowment Fund has been able to offer the equivalent of three full-tuition bursaries for Grade 7 students each year. This is a commitment of about \$65,000 per year for five years.

The winning foursome plaque went to four Old Boys: E.J. Boffey 2012, David Dupont 2012, J. C. Azzopardi 2012 and Tom Spencer 2003.

The prize for Old Boys' Low Gross went to E.J. Boffey, who shot a 76. Low Gross for Staff was Pat Shannon with an 81; Low Gross Guest was Nelson Tavares with a 91; Low Gross Ladies was Paula Shannon with a 99; and the award for the most honest staff golfer went to Matt McCarney with a 121.



The winning foursome, from left: David Dupont, E.J. Boffey, J.C. Azzopardi and Tom Spencer.



Vasily Konachenkov 2021 on the practice range



Headmaster Hal Hannaford (left) presents the trophy for the Old Boys' Low Gross to E.J. Boffey 2012.



# Small things, like family, are huge

June 20 was a big day for the members of the Class of 2018. But it was only great because of the millions of small events that led up to it.

This was made clear in the messages delivered by Headmaster Hal Hannaford and Valedictorian Luke Kalaydjian at this year's graduation ceremonies.

In his address at the graduation ceremony of the Class of 2018, Luke Kalaydjian used words like "brotherhood," "community," "friends" and "family" to describe his peers.

He also marveled at the way in which his fellow students refused to be stereotyped, choosing to take part in diverse school activities.

"We have students who are pivotal hockey players, but then also take on the lead role of our play," he said. "We even have wrestlers who run the Model UN team."

"What makes our graduating class so special is that we all care and support

each other and celebrate each other's strengths. We're all here together, and we have a million different things going on at once—academic championships, athletic tournaments, love for the arts—all under Selwyn House's roof."

Luke stressed that Selwyn is not a house, but a home, comparing the Selwyn House community to a big family. "Having a place to call home is

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special," he said, "but having the right family inside makes it a blessing."

In his message to the graduates, Headmaster Hal Hannaford began with a list of important historic events, such as

the invention of printing, the abolition of slavery, the first powered flight and the first human in space.

He wrapped up his list with a final historic date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018, the day one particularly shy student spoke in a class assembly for the first time, delivering a heartfelt message about the tragic accident that killed sixteen members of the Humbolt Broncos

hockey team in Saskatchewan.

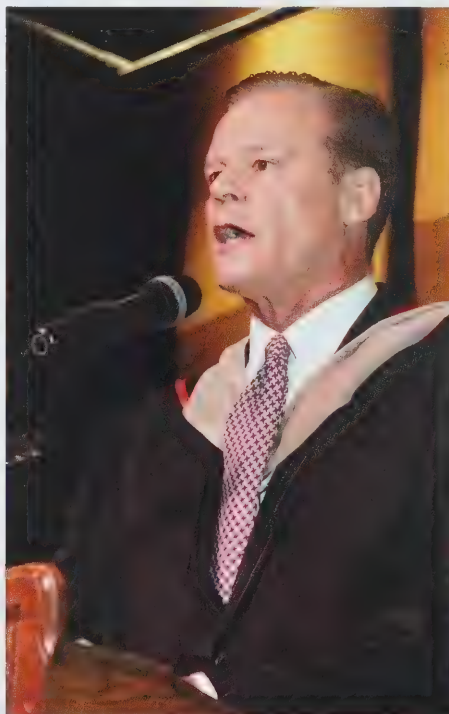
"As he paid tribute to the victims of that awful tragedy...you could have heard a pin drop," recalled Mr. Hannaford.

"Some of you might think that in the worldwide scheme of things this was an insignificant moment, different from space travel or the discovery of penicillin," Mr. Hannaford continued. "But these small things add up to make a difference."

"You see, without small things, there are no big things."



Piping in the graduates



Headmaster Hal Hannaford



Valedictorian Luke Kalaydjian



# 2018 Graduation Prize Winners

## Distinction Awards:

The McCall Prize for Art: Adam Corning-Racette, Minh Duy Nguyen, Xinyang (Jerry) Wang

Prize for Music: Aria Khiabani

The Patricia Marsh Drama Prize: Luke Avedesian, Luke Kalaydjian, Andrew Petrecca-Berthelet, Matthew Tromp  
G.C. Ian Burgess Award for Distinction in Creative Writing:

Adam Corning-Racette, Matthew Tromp

The Byron W. Harker Prize for Distinction in Literature:

Alexandre Janson, Félix St-Onge Tavchandjian

The Public Speaking Prize: Aria Khiabani

E. C Moodey Debating Prize: Félix St-Onge Tavchandjian, Gabriel Trottenberg

Les Prix de Distinction en français:

Français Régulier – Raphael Grifo

Français Enrichi – Matthew Tromp, Justin Goodman

Français Plus – Félix St-Onge Tavchandjian

The Moodey Prize for Distinction in Mathematics:

SN Math – Justin Caponi

CST Math – Lewis Gelfand

The Prize for Distinction in Calculus: Matthew Tromp, Gabriel Trottenberg

Distinction in Chemistry: Xinyang (Jerry) Wang

Distinction in Physics: Matthew Tromp

The McGill Science Award: Angus Scott

The Yearbook Prize: Adam Corning-Racette, Sean Watson

The Prize for Distinction in Contemporary World  
et Monde Contemporain:

Luke Kalaydjian (English)

Gabriel Trottenberg (French)

The Prize for Distinction in Economics: Nicholas Fon

The D.W. Christie History Prize: Zachary Merhi

The Prize for Distinction in Political Science:

Adam Corning-Racette

The Troubetzkoy Prize for Social Studies: James Wechsler

The McGill Award of Excellence In the Social Sciences:

Robert Dias Fleming

## Special Awards:

Thomas Henry Pentland Molson Prize for General Excellence:  
Matthew Tromp

Governor General's Bronze Medal for Academic Distinction  
in the Secondary School: Gabriel Trottenberg

YMCA Community Service Award: Luke Kalaydjian

Massi Prize for Effort: Xinyang (Jerry) Wang

Millennium Prize (donated by the Class of 1999):

Aria Khiabani

The Redpath Herald Award: Vanessa Jothy

Thomas Chalmers Brainerd Memorial Award:

Robert Dias Fleming

The Jeffrey Russel Prize: Angus Scott

The Lucas Memorial Medal: Luke Kalaydjian



Luke Kalaydjian receives the Lucas Memorial Medal from Board Chairman Jonathan Golbloom (left) and Senior School Head Mike Downey.



Angus Scott receives the Jeffrey Russel Prize from Jonathan Golbloom and Mike Downey.



Gabriel Trottenberg receives the Gov. General's Medal from of Head of Elementary School Kathy Funamoto, Head of Middle School Carol Manning and Senior School Head Mike Downey.



# Class of 2018 Academic Destinations



Noah Assayag..... Marianopolis..... Pure and Applied Science  
 Luke Avedesian ..... Trinity College School, Port Hope, ON  
 Bassem Bedjaoui ..... St. George's School, Middletown, RI  
 Malek Bedjaoui ..... St. George's School, Middletown, RI  
 Kyle Blasi..... Dawson..... Pure and Applied Science  
 Justin Caponi..... Marianopolis..... Health Science  
 Matthew Caponi ..... Marianopolis..... Commerce  
 Joseph Chalhoub ..... Marianopolis..... Liberal Arts  
 Vikram Chirgwin-Dasgupta .... Marianopolis..... Law, Society, and Justice  
 Rocco Christiano ..... Vanier..... Social Science with Math  
 Ryan Cohen..... Marianopolis..... Law, Society, and Justice  
 Joey Corcoran ..... St. Paul's School..... Concord, NH  
 Adam Corning-Racette ..... LCC  
 Riley Couture ..... Dawson..... Commerce  
 Tristan Couture..... Dawson .... Mechanical Engineering Technology  
 Charles Culver ..... St. Paul's School..... Concord, NH  
 Luca De Carolis..... Upper Canada College ..... Toronto, ON  
 Austin Di Nezza..... Marianopolis..... Law, Society, and Justice  
 Raianeráhstha Diome-Deer..... St. Paul's School..... Concord NH  
 Gregory Efraimidis ..... Marianopolis..... Commerce  
 William Elliott ..... LCC  
 Robert Fleming..... Marianopolis..... Commerce  
 Hunter Fodor..... Trinity College School..... Port Hope, ON  
 Nicholas Fon..... Marianopolis..... Commerce  
 Lewis Gelfand..... Dawson..... General Social Science  
 Joshua Ginsberg..... Marianopolis..... Pure and Applied Science  
 Justin Goodman ..... Marianopolis..... Health Science  
 Raphaël Grifo..... Dawson..... Cinema and Communications  
 Kieran Hamilton ..... Marianopolis..... General Social Science  
 Giordano Iannarino..... Marianopolis..... Honours Commerce  
 Alexandre Janson ..... LCC  
 Luke Kalaydjian..... Hotchkiss School..... Lakeville, Connecticut

Aria Khiabani..... Marianopolis..... Honours Commerce  
 Lawrence Khoury ..... Marianopolis..... Social Science  
 Laurent Klein-Charland ..... Marianopolis..... Law, Society, and Justice  
 Russell Leibovitch ..... Marianopolis..... Commerce  
 Luciano Masella..... Dawson..... Social Science  
 Dany Jr. Melatti ..... Marianopolis .. Honours Pure and Applied Science  
 Zachary Merhi..... Marianopolis..... Law, Society, and Justice  
 Joshua Nadler..... Trinity College School..... Port Hope, ON  
 Jeremy Naimier..... St. Paul's School..... Concord NH  
 Aird Nesbitt ..... Bishop's College School..... Sherbrooke, QC  
 Minh Duy Nguyen ..... Marianopolis..... Commerce  
 Elijah Nuez ..... Marianopolis..... General Social Science  
 Ryan Pawlowsky ..... Dawson . Community Recreation Leadership Training  
 Andrew Petrecca-Berthelet ..... Marianopolis..... Commerce  
 Tarek Rahill..... Marianopolis..... Commerce  
 Michael Raymond..... Marianopolis..... Global Studies and International Affairs  
 Angus Scott..... Phillips Exeter Academy ..... Exeter, NH  
 Salem Sibous..... Marianopolis..... Pure and Applied Science  
 Alexandre Singer ..... Marianopolis..... Commerce  
 Félix St-Onge Tavchandjian ..... LCC  
 Alexandre Tellier ..... Marianopolis..... General Social Science  
 Joseph Toteda..... Dawson ..... Health Science  
 Matthew Tromp..... John Abbott..... Honours Science  
 Gabriel Trottenberg ..... Marianopolis..... Health Science  
 Brad Uditsky..... Dawson .... General Social Science with Math  
 Sebastian Useche..... Marianopolis..... Social Science  
 Xinyang Wang..... Greenwood College School..... Toronto, ON  
 Sean Watson..... John Abbott..... Double DEC Social Science and Science  
 James Wechsler ..... LCC  
 Miller Woodward ..... Marianopolis..... Liberal Arts  
 Luka Zito ..... Dawson..... Social Science



# Athletic Awards 2018

## Cross-Country Running

Coach's Award ..... Angus Scott

Coach's Award ..... Dany Jr. Melatti

## Golf

MVP ..... Vasily Konachenkov

MVP ..... Dylan Beauchamp

## Bantam Soccer (Gold)

Most Improved.....Beck Majdell

Most Promise .....Samuel Elkas

Most Promise ..... Owen Frankel

MVP .....Alex Henderson

## Bantam Soccer (Black)

Most Improved.....Noah Freedin

MVP ..... Justin Mendel

MVP ..... George Adamopoulos

## Midget Soccer

Most Improved Player ..... Rory Krnjevic

MVP ..... Simon Trudeau

## Juvenile Soccer

Best Defence .....Laurent Klein-Charland

Best Defence ..... Matthew Caponi

Best Offence..... Giordano Iannarino

## PeeWee Football

MVP ..... Lenton Davies

MVP ..... Ramy Sirhan

## Cadet Football

Most Promise ..... Denis Dariotis

Most Promise ..... Dean Farias

Defensive MVP..... Henri Chalhoub

Offensive MVP ..... Oscar McCavour

Offensive MVP ..... William Sebag

## Juvenile Football

Most Improved..... Marcus Lynch

Most Promise ..... Harrison Maurovich

Best Lineman

(Bob Anderson Trophy).....Jeremy Naimer

Coaches' Award..... Josh Ginsberg

Coaches' Award..... Minh Duy Nguyen

Offensive MVP

(Will Molson Trophy) ..... Rocco Christiano

Defensive MVP

(Rob Wearing Cup).....Joey Corcoran

Team MVP .....Joey Corcoran

## MS Fencing

Most Promise ..... William Vu

Most Improved..... Michael Gubitosa

MVP ..... Eli Grant

## SS Fencing

Most Improved.....Adam Girling

Most Promise ..... Vito Guzzo

MVP .....Ian Mahutte

## Curling

Most Promise .....David Layman

Coach's Award.....Laurent Klein-Charland

MVP .....William Elliott

## Wrestling

Most Promise .....Milton Moukas

Most Improved.....Sean Watson

MVP ..... Angus Scott

## PeeWee Hockey

Most Promise .....Pablo Baratta-Matheus

Coaches' Award ..... Joseph Friedman

Defensive MVP ..... Ramy Sirhan

MVP (Taylor Trophy).....Andrew Poullas

## Bantam Hockey

Most Promise ..... Rory Krnjevic

Best Two-Way Player ..... Benjamin Katz

Defensive MVP ..... Carl Heidemann

MVP/Top Scorer..... Aidan Dres

## Juvenile D3 Hockey

Most Improved..... Kyle Zitzmann

Most Promise .....Markus Masoud

Defensive MVP ..... Ben Coffin Igartua

MVP ..... Justin Goodman

MVP ..... Nicholas Fon

## Juvenile D1 Hockey

Most Improved..... Luka Zito

Most Promise .....Alexandre Latkovski

Coaches' Award.....Josh Nadler

Defensive MVP Trophy.....Luca De Carolis

Top Scorer..... Ryan Pawlowsky

## Bantam D3 Basketball

Most Promise ..... William Dobson

Coaches' Award ..... Thomas Tretiak

Coaches' Award ..... Ishan Soni

MVP ..... Vito Guzzo

## Bantam D1 Basketball

Most Promise ..... Alec Turcotte

Most Improved.....Beck Majdell

MVP .....Kaiden Liu Chen Kiow

## Midget Basketball

Most Improved..... Sebastian Schroeter

MVP ..... William Sebag

## Juvenile D3 Basketball

All-Hustle Coaches' Award...Xinyang Wang

Offensive MVP ..... Joshua Feldman

## Juvenile D1 Basketball

Most Promise ..... Harrison Maurovich

MVP .....O'Shae Ho-Sang

Paoletti Juv Basketball MVP Trophy. Joey Corcoran

## Rowing Team

Most Improved.....Andrea Accurso

Best Recruit.....Trevor Aitken

Hardest Working..... Alexis Delplace

## MS Track & Field

MVP .....James Swan

## SS Track & Field

Most Improved.....Alexandre Latkovski

Most Improved..... Simon Trudeau

Most Promise ..... Kaylan Bruno

MVP .....Charles Culver

## Tennis

Coaches' Award..Andrew Petrecca-Berthelet

MVP ..... Alec Turcotte

## Baseball

Most Promise .....Blake Kastner

Coaches' Award ..... Matthew Caponi

MVP ..... Lawrence Khoury

MVP .....Matteo Iasenza

## Bantam Rugby

Coaches' Award ..... Rory Chang

Best Forward .....Max Heidemann

Best Back..... William Vu

## Midget Rugby

Most Promise ..... Aidan Dres

Best Forward ..... Enoch Tamale

Best Back..... Oscar McCavour

## Juvenile Rugby

Coaches' Award ..... Charlie McLernon

Peter Govan Coaches' Award....Colin Rolph

Best Back..... Angus Scott

Best Back..... Nicholas Fon

Best Forward (Borner Cup) Minh Duy Nguyen

## Special Recognition:

### Cadet Football

RSEQ Division 3 League Finalists

Juvenile Division 1 Hockey

17-4-0-1 LHIQ Div. 1 Reg. Season Record

### Pee-Wee Hockey

LHIQ Division 2 Finalists

### Bantam Rugby

GMAA League Finalists/Champions

### Tennis

GMAA Bantam Champions

### The Comeback Award

Recipients: Harrison Maurovich,

Giancarlo Rachella

**Athletic Award** ..... Minh Duy Nguyen

**Alumni Award**..... Carl Heidemann

**Cassils Memorial Cup**..... Aidan Dres

**David Tobias Memorial Cup** Juvenile Soccer

GMAA Division 2 League Finalists

### McMaster Memorial Sportsman Cup

(Senior Athlete of the Year)....Joey Corcoran

### Sportsman's Guild

Grade 10: Harrison Maurovich

Grade 11: Luke Avedesian, Kyle Blasi, Mat-

thew Caponi, Joseph Chalhoub, Rocco

Christiano, Joey Corcoran, Charles Cul-

ver, Luca De Carolis, Minh Duy Nguyen,

Nicholas Fon, Raphaël Grifo, Luke Kalayd-

jian, Luciano Masella, Joshua Nadler, Jeremy

Naimer, Angus Scott.



# Old Boy Updates

## Reunions Down Under

**Tim Shorter '81** (on left in photos) writes: **Nick Rideout '80** and I had an Old Boys' Reunion in Melbourne, Australia last night. We hadn't seen each other since our school days in 1976...over 41 years. We did some good reminiscing about our childhoods in Westmount and, of

course, attending the great Selwyn House." Headmaster Hal Hannaford and other faculty from Selwyn House recently traveled to Southport QLD, Australia to attend the 2018 IBSC Annual Conference, and while there, Mr. Hannaford met up with Tim.



## 1972

**Thomas Hruby '72** writes: I have lived in Prague for the past 24 years. After the fall of communism in Czechoslovakia in November 1989, the new government started to return property to its rightful owners. In 1993, I moved here to help family and friends with their restitution claims. Restitutions led to other types of mandates from satisfied clients and other acquaintances. One thing led to another and I founded a law firm in Prague and made the Czech Republic my home. I encourage any of you who plan to visit Prague to contact me.

## 1983

**Geoff Moore '83** (left in photo) and teammate Christian Laurin won the Quebec Provincial Senior Mens' Doubles Tennis Championships (category 50+) on August 6, 2017 at



the Côte Saint-Luc Tennis Club in Montreal. They upset the defending champions and 1st seeds 7-5, 6-4. Geoff has been Vice-President, Institutional Sales, for State Street Global Advisors (SSGA) for over a year now since

the company acquired the GE Asset Management division from General Electric. He is also a member of SSGA's Global ESG Business Working Group (Environmental, Social and Governance).

## 1986



**Michael Penner '86** was featured in a lengthy interview with *Global News* on May 8. Michael is the first anglophone to be appointed chairman of

Hydro Quebec, a position he has now held since October 2014. The selection of Michael to head up "the jewel of Quebec's Crown corporations" was an unexpected one, even to him.



# Old Boy Updates

## Guzzo Family Field at St. Paul's



Vittorio Guzzo 2017 (above, left, with family) punted for a 42-yard average for the Big Red on the day The St. Paul's School football program christened the Guzzo Family Field with a 35-21 victory over the Dexter School on October 14.

"Whatever it is you are going to do, do it in the most honest way with the most integrity and you'd be surprised," he told *Global News*. "I was pretty surprised of where I landed."

Michael started out as a lawyer and then became president and CEO of Peds Legwear. In addition to his job at Hydro, Michael serves on the board of directors of Scotiabank. Also very active in his community, he has worked with Centraide, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts' annual fundraising drive, and has served on the board of Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal, as well as on the board of McGill University and Selwyn House School.

### 1998

**Adam Blanshay '98** won a Tony Award in June, as a co-producer of *Angels in America*, which won the award for Best Revival of a Play. Adam launched his own production company in

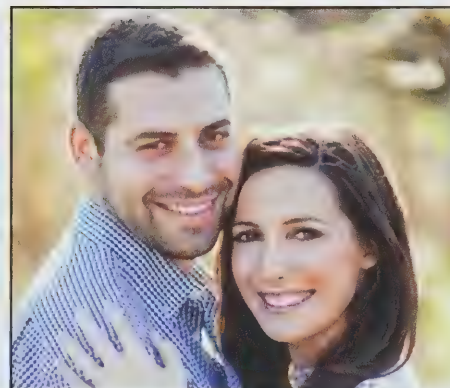
May to produce world-class theatre and entertainment events in New York, London and Australia. Adam is already a well-established producer on Broadway and in London, having been involved in over 50 productions, including the hit musical *Kinky Boots*.

### 2000

**Christopher Robinson 2000** and his wife, Christina Gosselin, welcomed their first child, Andrew Daniel David Gosselin-Robinson, born on March 27 at the Montfort hospital in Ottawa.

### 2002

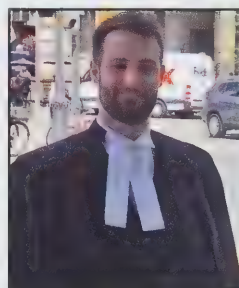
**Scott McMillan 2002** is featured in a video highlighting the charity work done by the Esquimalt Fire Department in Victoria, B.C., where Scott is a firefighter.



### 2003

**Jaryd Kaufman Zummer 2003** and his wife, Katelyn Branche Garner, were wed May 19, 2018 at The South Warehouse in Jackson, MS. They will both be working at the University of Kentucky Healthcare in Lexington, KY, Katelyn as an internal medicine physician and Jaryd as an emergency room physician.

### 2007



**Max Koenekoop 2007** was admitted to the Ontario bar on June 26.

### 2011 Samuel Hodh

**2011** of Montreal netted the overtime winner as McGill edged Carleton 2-1 in an OUA men's hockey thriller at the CU Ice House in Ottawa on October 14, 2017. Samuel, a finance junior at McGill, tallied 2:40 into the extra sudden-death session to secure the victory. It was his sixth career goal in 46 games over an injury-plagued career with the Redmen and, without a doubt, the most important one, says the McGill hockey website.

### 2014

**Sam Barmish 2014**, currently at Vanier College, won a gold medal when a number of SHS Old Boys met in Ottawa on October 29 in the



# Old Boy Updates



Jonathan Medalsy 2002 and Morgan McNeill were wed in Charleston, South Carolina on Canadian Thanksgiving weekend, October 8, 2017. Among the groomsmen were (second and third from left): brother Andrew 2004 and classmate Alex Bussandri 2002.

Concordia University Gym for the 2017 Concordia University Wrestling tournament. Also in attendance were **David De Cotiis 2012**, currently wrestling for Queen's University, and **Alex Moore 2014**, also at Vanier.

**Alex Moore 2014** won the Commonwealth Games Team Trials held in Vancouver, November 3, 2017, defeating three opponents and dominating the competition. The Commonwealth Games were held on April 15, 2018 in Gold Coast, Australia. On September 20, Alex, who is studying Social Sciences at CEGEP Vanier, received a \$5,000 bursary from Hydro-Québec to help him continue his wrestling career as he completes his higher education. This is the sixth such bursary Alex has received from Hydro Québec.

## 2015

**Nolan Bedard 2015**, now in his first year at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, recently won the Royal Todd Trophy, which is presented each year to the most outstanding freshman on the football team. "In addition to the



third-string running back position, Nolan had the starting position as the punt returner and field side kickoff returner," explains his dad, Selwyn House Teacher Bill Bedard. "This year they switched him to defence."

2015 Graduate and Head Prefect **Nicholas Johnson** is now attending Princeton University. On October 11, 2017 he wrote: "I'm honoured to be among the group of students selected from Princeton's Class of 2020 and 2019 to receive The Shapiro Prize for

*(Continued on following page)*



Dre Weekes with his mom

**D****handré Weekes 2015**, signed his official Letter of Intent to join the Carleton University Ravens football program on Jan 20. The graduate of Champlain College, Lennoxville, will pursue a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in law. As a football player, he will continue his career as a receiver for the Ravens, a position he starred at this past football season for the Champlain Cougars.

During his three-year tenure at Selwyn House, Dré was a three-sport athlete who starred in football and basketball while also playing rugby in his final year at the school. At the end of his SHS career, he was the co-recipient of the McMaster Memorial Trophy, awarded to the Senior School Athlete of the Year.

**By Michael Bird, Selwyn House Athletic Department**



# Old Boy Updates

Academic Excellence. It was a pleasure hearing President Eisgruber's inspiring remarks and interacting with students across the University. Immense thanks to all those who have contributed to my intellectual development!"

In July of 2017 Nick 2015 was awarded the Princeton University Class of 1883 English Prize for Freshmen in the Princeton School of Engineering for having written the best paper and having completed the best work in English for the year. He has been hired as a Writing Fellow in Princeton's Writing Center. In this paid position, he will offer undergraduate and graduate students one-on-one workshop/conferences to improve their writing skills.

Nick reports having a very good year academically, achieving a 4.0 GPA for having received fours A's and five A+'s in the nine courses he completed in the 2016-2017 year.

"I am working as an undergraduate researcher in the University of Oxford's Integrative Computational Biology and Machine Learning Laboratory at the Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine under the supervision of Dr. Aleksandr Sahakyan."



Nick with Princeton President Eisgruber

## Obituary: Bill Badger



**BADGER, William 1934-2018** It is with great sadness that the family of William Wright Badger announces his passing on July 1, 2018, at the Institut universitaire gériatrie de Montréal. He is survived by his wife Carolyn, his children Stacy (Réal), Jill (Cash),

Willy (Sumie), and Robyn Badger; and his stepchildren Christy (Tom), Gregory (Eglantine) and Natalie (Bill) Lavers. He is survived as well by eleven grandchildren and step-grandchildren: Thomas, Hugh, Sho, Kai, Ruby, Callum, Jasper, Edwin, Maxwell, Cary and Jonathan. Bill was preceded in death by his brother Barry (David) and is survived by his brothers Bryan (Janet) and Brandon (Rosemary), nieces, nephews, friends and the mother of his children, Janet Rattray Matthews. Bill was the much-loved and respected patriarch of the family, who was known for his kindness and humour right to the end. In addition to his family, music and athletics brought him joy throughout his life. He was a fearless athlete who played many sports. Bill was raised in Sherbrooke, Quebec and educated at Royal Military College and Bishop's University. He inspired young people

as a teacher of mathematics and as a pioneer in the teaching of computer science for over thirty-five years at Bishop's College School, St. George's School, and Selwyn House School. A celebration of his life was held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 7, 2018, at Collins Clarke MacGillivray White Funeral Home. If desired, donations can be made in Bill's name to the Institut universitaire gériatrie de Montréal. A heartfelt thanks to the exceptional and compassionate team on four east at this hospital.

*Montreal Gazette obituary*

Bill taught at Selwyn House School from 1990 until his retirement in 1998. He taught computer science to both the Elementary and Senior Schools, Math to Grade 7, and coached football and curling. After his retirement he continued to coach curling until 2002.



# Old Boy Obituaries

## David Shannon '79

**David Charles Shannon '79**

Mar 11, 1962 - Feb 2, 2018

David was a unique and bright shining light who left us much too soon after a challenging illness. He dedicated his life to social justice through his activism, unyielding courage and willingness to flout convention. For decades, he advocated for LGBTQ rights and worked as a journalist at the CBC, the *Montreal Mirror* (columnist of "Out in the City") and hosted the groundbreaking "Homo Show" at CKUT Radio. He was a co-founder of ACCM (AIDS Community Care Montreal) and ACT UP Montreal (AIDS Coalition to unleash Power). He essentially lived his life as a man for others. Most only aspire to see change; David made it happen. People from all walks of life sought David's insightful writing, observations and commentary. Favourite topics included

popular culture, social trends, fashion, politics, and gender issues. He possessed style, a deep appreciation for the arts, a penchant for detail, and a memory that could alarm. He had a wonderful sense of humour and loved to tell stories. David was deeply loved by his four brothers, Craig (Kristin), Donnie (Celia), Christopher (Hilary), and John (Christine). He was the beloved uncle to Trevor, Hayley (Scott), Thor, Leah (Christopher), Big Matthew, Jack, Callie and Little Matthew; great-uncle to Leif. He had many close friends and admirers and all will miss his special wit, passion, and the spark of engagement that defined his spirit and sense of humanity. In lieu of flowers, please consider honouring David with a donation to one of the following: Casey House in Toronto (<https://www.caseyhouse.com>), CAMH (<http://camh.ca>) or ACCM (<https://accmontreal.org>). A celebration of his life was held in Toronto at the Tranzac Club on Feb 15, 2018. At David's request, it was a party, with guests invited to please bring their dancing shoes!



Portrait Courtesy James Huctwith

*Globe and Mail* obituary

## Chris Shannon '75 pays tribute to his late brother



On April 19, Chris Shannon '75, now headmaster of Lower Canada College, returned to his *alma mater*, Selwyn House School, to make a heartfelt tribute to his late brother, David, before an assembly of Senior School students.

"He is someone in my life who I admire and respect for many, many reasons," said Chris. "The teen years were challenging for David.... He couldn't find the authority figures and mentors who understood his situation."

In a boys' school in the 1970s, "jocks, testosterone and a veneer of toughness truly ruled the day."

"It was a very big step for my brother to eventually come out," recalled Chris, "but standing tall and finding his own true identity was so important to him that he eventually evolved the courage—after he had done this—to help so many others come out and do the same."

Writing in the *Globe and Mail*, former CBC Radio executive producer Alan Conter quoted Chris Shannon as saying this about his brother: "He was interested in making his own path. I think he's best described as a reluctant leader, and he was pulled into leadership roles, whether it was gay rights or treatment by police or the complete absence of elements of social justice. He saw injustice all over the place and he basically took the view that if you were gay and you were out, you had an obligation to be kind of activist in one way or another."



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1940

**Richard Kerrigan '32** died peacefully Dec. 20 at Knowlton House with family by his side. We like to think that he has played the course and is in the clubhouse enjoying the 19th hole. He leaves behind two children: Rick (Linda) and Kathy (Bob); four grandchildren: Warren and Amanda Baker, and Andrew and Emily (Vince) Kerrigan; and five great grandchildren: Abby and Henry Baker and Kalan, Orion and Tristan Lamb. Dick is predeceased by his three siblings: Audrey, Nancy and John; by Mary, his first wife and mother of his children; and by Angela Burke, his second wife. Like many of his generation, he served overseas during World War II, returning home to a long career with Bell Canada. He took an early retirement and lived the final decades of his life in his beloved home in Knowlton, initially doing some financial advising with Royal Trust, but soon realized that life was too short not to be on the golf course every day. Thanks to the efforts of his caregivers he was able to live at home until his final days. The family would like to thank Charlotte, Diana, Beverly, Donna, and particularly Danny and Diane Yarmush for the care they provided. Thanks also to Dr. Barakett. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to the charity of your choice.

*Montreal Gazette* obituary

1940

**David Molson (Tim) Blaiklock '40** died peacefully in Nanaimo, BC on June 14, 2017 at the age of 92. Tim is survived by his five children: Linda, David (Jane), Derek (Felicity), Anthony (Jenny), Markland (Sofi) and his 15 grandchildren. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Sally. Tim was born in Montreal on February 17, 1925. As a young man he served as a gunner on an MTB in the English Channel during the Second World War. After marrying Sally and starting his career as a teacher

of mathematics, he moved to London England with his family in August 1963. Tim and Sally relocated to Bermuda in January 1981, where he enjoyed an active lifestyle, in particular playing tennis with his many friends. Tim was a kind, gentle man with a big heart. He will be lovingly remembered and sorely missed by all who were fortunate to have had him in their lives.



**Richard Howden Tomlinson '40**

**Richard Howden Tomlinson '40**, O.C. Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, McMaster University, died peacefully on Sunday, January 28, 2018, in his 95th year at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton, Ontario, following a brief illness. Born in Montreal on August 2, 1923, he was the youngest son of George Herbert Tomlinson and Anne Irene Nourse Tomlinson. He was predeceased by his siblings Anne Elinor Nourse Chapman (Jack); Ruth Tomlinson Wilson; George Herbert Tomlinson II (Frances); and Charles Lester Tomlinson (Patricia). He was also predeceased by his wife, Rowena. Richard is survived by his nieces and nephews: Sally Anne Chapman Webster (Alan); Peter George Tomlinson; David Lester Tomlinson (Alison); Susan Margaret Tomlinson Goff (John); Wendy Margaret Tomlinson; Loretta Anne Tomlinson Kent (Punch)

and many great-nieces and nephews and their children. Richard attended Selwyn House School, BCS and graduated from Bishop's University, following which he attended McGill, where he completed his Ph.D. in 1948. He was the last graduate student of famed chemist and McGill professor Otto Maas, for whom he had worked in Ottawa at the National Research Council during the war years. In 1948, Richard and his wife Rowena departed for England, where he had secured a postdoctoral fellowship at Cambridge University. Following his return to Canada, he was recruited by the visionary nuclear scientist Harry Thode, and began his long career at McMaster University. Richard and Harry became lifelong colleagues, friends and business partners and shared similar values and philosophies. Aside from teaching, Richard's research focused on the application of radioisotopes as diagnostic tools as well as for medical treatments. In large part, his work in radioactive pharmaceuticals provided the necessary funding to maintain the University Reactor and so continue valuable training in all fields of science, engineering, industry and medicine. Richard received honorary degrees from Bishop's University (the third member of the Tomlinson family to be so honored), McGill University, McMaster and Brock University. For his generous contributions to all these institutions, and his commitment to excellence in higher education, he became an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2004. Richard appreciated good food and wines, sports, most especially golf and swimming in his pool. At 50, he took up running, eventually participating in several Boston Marathons. He challenged himself physically and intellectually, and in that regard, he expected no less from his students. He was devoted to Ashleigh, the last of a multitude of cats, which included Yttrium, the president of his company Gennum. Richard was a kind-hearted, humble and generous man



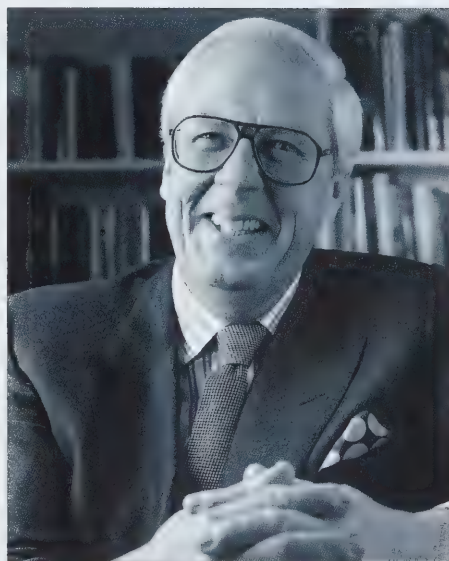
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in possession of a wry sense of humour. He believed in people, (some would say naively), and did many good things anonymously, simply because he could. Richard leaves behind his dear friend of over 60 years Renate Fritze, former colleague and friend Peter Simpson, Suzanne Wysmyk, who has been a rock, neighbour, fellow runner, housekeeper and golfing partner; fellow runner and good friend Cesare Ruggiero; and good friend Bernard Garneau. All were inspired by his determination, curiosity, his infinite patience and his ability to explain complex scientific theories, latterly as they related to carbon dioxide and global warming. (Richard was never convinced of this causal effect based on his 75 years of accumulated scientific knowledge). Also left behind, his niece Anne who loved him dearly. Thanks to the nurses at the Sister Mary Grace Wing, 6th floor, and thanks go also to the nurses on the 6th floor of the Juravinski Tower and most particularly to Dr. Anne Wood and France Clarke for their compassionate care. At Richard's request, there was no service, and family and friends gathered privately in the summer. In Richard's memory, please perform a random act of kindness and/or adopt a cat.

## 1941

**Robert C. Paterson '41**, son of Col. Alex T. Paterson DSO, OBE and Anna Cowans Paterson, died in Toronto on April 27, 2018. Survived by his wife Ann Penfield Skaith Paterson; and four children, Alec (Donna) Selwyn House '74, Hartland (Beth) Selwyn House '76, Ann (Peter), and Elspeth (Mark). Proud and loving grandfather of Alexander, Nicholas and Margot Paterson, Miriam Paterson, Andrew, Robert and Penfield Binet, and Hamish and Theodore Dick. Predeceased by his brother, James A. Paterson.

Born in Montreal April 9, 1928, educated at Selwyn House School, Trinity College School and McGill University. His entire career was spent at the Royal



**Robert C. Paterson '41**

Bank of Canada and for more than a decade he was a member of the bank's Executive Management Committee.

A significant part of his life was involved with such institutions as The McKay Centre, Selwyn House School, McGill University, The Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation and Appleby College.

After retirement, Rob consulted for the Salvation Army (*pro bono*), the investment committee of the Canadian Medical Protective Association, the Bickle Foundation, the Zenex Foundation (SA), Royal Bank Investment Management, and the Tiedemann Investment Group.

On turning 70, Rob lost the ability to read or drive and was the beneficiary of a group of friends who took up reading to him, which he most appreciated. Rob loved history and read extensively on the subject. He also enjoyed travel, bridge, golf (sometimes), tennis, fishing and, above all, time with friends and family. He will be remembered for his well-informed views on life, interest in and kindness to people from all countries and walks of life, and his amazing sense of humour in all circumstances.

The family wish to thank most sincerely Yuri, Meredith and Josh, who are part of the Palliative Care Team of Dr. Sandy

Buchman at Princess Margaret Hospital, for their compassionate and extremely competent care of Rob.

In lieu of flowers, if you wish, a donation to the Robert C. Paterson Graduate Research Grants at the McGill Faculty of Medicine ([www.alumni.mcgill.ca/give/](http://www.alumni.mcgill.ca/give/) - please direct gift to the aforementioned research grants) or a charity of your choice would be much appreciated. Rob's funeral service was held at Grace Church on-the-Hill, on Monday, May 7, 2018.

*Globe and Mail* obituary

## 1942

**Arthur Elliott Carlisle '42** died at Linda Manor in Leeds, Massachusetts on July 24, 2017.

Born in 1926, in Montreal, Quebec, he was the son of the Right Reverend Bishop Arthur Carlisle and May Emery Carlisle. He attended school in Montreal until his secondary education at Trinity College School in Port Hope, Ontario. He graduated from McGill University in 1948, having served in the Canadian Navy for two years. He was married in 1949 to his wife, Betsy, with whom he celebrated his 68th anniversary in July of this year.

Their married years began in Windsor, Ontario, where he worked briefly for the Ford Motor Company and for the Windsor Daily Star. He then worked in the Personnel Department at Bendix of Canada and subsequently at the Stroh Brewery in Detroit, Michigan. After nine years in business, he decided to pursue a master's degree in Business Administration at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, completing his doctoral studies there in 1966. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Elliott joined the Management Department of the Business School at the University of Massachusetts in 1966. His book *Cultures in Collision* was published in 1967 and *Mac: Conversations About Management* published in 1983. The latter provided extensive material for the authors of the popularized *One Minute Manager*. He wrote numerous articles, among them "Organizational



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Dynamics" was particularly influential in the field of management.

While Elliott enjoyed these writing projects, his time in the classroom was what he valued the most. He loved teaching and his students appreciated, not only his keen sense of humour, his ability to add his 14 years in business to his academic training at the University in Michigan. His extensive consulting during his years at the University helped to validate the theories that he was teaching his students. Outside of the classroom, Elliott directed many doctoral dissertations.

For a number of years, Elliott served as Director of the North American Institute for Trade and Economics, which brought him back to his interest in Canadian-American relations in the fields of economics and trade.

Elliott loved to travel, beginning with a bicycle trip with Betsy through Britain in the second year of their marriage. Sabbaticals and summer vacations took him to France and enriched his love of photography. His camera went with him on walks through New England, Europe and a trip with students to the Far East and to Russia.

During retirement he served on several boards in the Greenfield area. One that he found particularly engaging was Channing Bete. He also welcomed the opportunity to participate in the Restorative Justice Program and the Community Meals, both in Greenfield. He had a special interest in the Turners Falls Survival Center.

Elliott's passion for classical music sustained him during these last years of his debilitating illness.

Elliott leaves his wife, Betsy; and their children Cynthia, Christopher and Nathalie Carlisle, Mark and Susan Carlisle, Elizabeth Bartow, Timothy and Karen Carlisle; his grandchildren Ashley and Andrew Trafford, Caroline Carlisle and Tracey Ross, William Carlisle, Heather Carlisle, Meredith and Jared Colicchie, Andrew and Meg Carlisle, Elliott, Timothy, Katherine

and Samantha Bartow, Jack, Catherine and Paige Carlisle. He felt blessed to have lived long enough to know his 11 great grandchildren. He also leaves his sister Patricia Carlisle States of Prouts Neck, Maine; and four nephews, Brooke States of Gloucester, and Capel States of Pittsboro, North Carolina, Joshua Hirsch of Newton Highlands, and David Hirsch of Woodbine, New Jersey.

The celebration of Elliott's life took place Friday, August 4, at St. James and St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Greenfield at 11 a.m.

1943

**Jacques Tétrault '43**

**Chair of Old Boys' Board 64-65**

Jacques Tétrault died November 11, 2017, in his 90th year. Through the years, he was an inspiration for positive thinking and making the most of life. He possessed the finest of human qualities: integrity, compassion, humility and a loving heart. He was blessed with a great mind and was a respected leader in his communities. Jacques was an accomplished tax and corporate lawyer who was instrumental in founding the first nationwide Canadian law firm, McCarthy Tétrault, LLP, in 1990. An astute visionary with common sense and a keen sense of humour, he was an exemplary managing partner, considered by his peers to be the moral compass of the firm. As counsel and mentor to staff and firm members in Quebec and beyond, he was a fair and principled leader who was among the first to champion the rights of women partners and promote diversity and work/life balance. Jacques is survived by his loving wife, Hope; his daughters, Lucie (Lisa Swerdlow) and Annie (Shawn) Belecki and their children Brynn, Brooke and Aaron; stepson Ian Ogilvie (Marran) and their children



Angus Malcolm and Eleanor; and his grandchildren Chelsea and Patrick. He was predeceased by his son, Richard, and his five siblings, including his twin brother, André. A heartfelt thank-you to the wonderful staff at Westmount One and in particular his devoted caregiver, Eralyn (Ira) Villegas. A funeral service was held at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul on November 27. Please donate to the AGI Alzheimer Group or a charity of your choice.

*Montreal Gazette* obituary.

Jacques had three brothers who also attended Selwyn House: André '43, Claude '33 and Robert '36. His son, Richard, also attended Selwyn House, as did his nephews Michael '78 and Robert '76 (both sons of André). Jacques served on the Selwyn House Old Boys' Board from 1962-1965, serving as President in his final year.

1947

**Douglas Robertson '47**

**Chair of Selwyn House Board 79-82**

It is with great sadness that the family of Douglas Robertson announced his death on Christmas night, 2014, at the age of 77. He is survived by his wife of 54 years Honor MacDougall; his daughter Victoria (Marc Barbeau); son Christian (Juliana Zinger); daughter Eimile (Spiros Bouas) and eight grandchildren Mathilde, Henri, and Aymeric; Olivia, Alastair, and Oscar; Athena and Dimitri; and by his brother Angus W. Robertson. Born in Toronto and raised in Mexico, the Bahamas, and Montreal, Douglas studied law at McGill University and political science at the LSE. In 1964 he moved to Paris to run the foreign office of the law firm Phillips & Vineberg, where he later served as the firm's co-managing partner for 19 years. Throughout, he discreetly acted as trusted advisor to his many clients, whether multinationals or individuals, reminding young lawyers to be humble and that they would only fully grasp their calling when they had a client whose house was at stake. On his return to Montreal, Douglas became active in his



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community, first spearheading a group of concerned citizens who prevented the construction of a hydro substation in Westmount, then serving multiple terms on the city council, winning a Governor General's Award for Stayner Park, and acting as Chairman of the Board of his alma mater, Selwyn House School. An accomplished sailor, Douglas also served as Commodore of the Prouts Neck Yacht Club in Maine, where he spent 25 happy summers. A force of nature known for his humour, trenchant opinions, and inexhaustible reserves of energy, Douglas was particularly fond of his country house in the Eastern Townships where he could indulge in his favourite pursuits: cooking, gardening, reading, and barking commands. His warmth, compassion, wit, pleasure in reciting literature and poetry, and generous laughter touched many lives. Douglas will be missed by his extended family, close friends, many nieces and nephews, and his cat Asperge. Funeral services will be private, and a memorial service will be announced at a later date. Donations can be made in his memory to the Royal Victoria Hospital.

1957

## **Kerry Martin '57**

A warm and gentle soul has left the planet. John Kirwan (Kerry) Martin died too young at the age of 76 on July 11, 2018 following complications from heart surgery. First son of Harald and Betty, irreplaceable big brother of Peter (Louise) and Michael (Judy). Beloved Wicked Uncle to Andrea (Jean-Sébastien), Nick (Amanda), Keith, Diana and Zoë and great-uncle to a gaggle of great-nieces and great-nephews: he adored and was proud of them all beyond measure. Former teacher of history and geography at Selwyn House School in Westmount (1973-1976) and Ridley College in St Catharines, Ontario (and even French at Ridley!). For Kerry, teaching was a true calling: assiduous preparation and delivery at every class and no student got anything less than his full attention



**Kerry Martin '57**

and genuine care. He gave it his very best each and every day and many still say he was the best teacher they ever had. A formidable opponent (but wonderful partner) on doubles tennis and squash courts for decades, possessed of wondrous shot-making ability. A kind, patient, thoughtful, generous and calm man who read industrial quantities of books (and kept many), he had a truly vast compendium of knowledge: he excelled at all the Trivial Pursuit categories but Entertainment at which he was next to useless. A dedicated supporter of the sport of squash throughout Canada in countless ways for decades, especially with junior players. He was an equally dedicated supporter of the Church of St Andrew and St Paul in Montreal and the Little Metis Presbyterian Church in Metis Beach, Quebec where he enjoyed nearly every summer of his life and where his ashes will be buried in a cookie jar next to his mother: THAT will please him greatly. Our thanks to Hôpital Régional de Rimouski and the Montreal General and Royal Victoria hospitals in Montreal for their professionalism, care and compassion. It says so much about Kerry that his Montreal General medical record includes this: "Thank you for involving us in the care of this

pleasant gentleman". A 'gathering by the river' memorial service will be held in Metis Beach on July 28th at 10:00 a.m. and be followed by a second in Montreal in September on a date yet to be arranged: we'll let you know. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Little Metis Presbyterian Church, c/o Tim Powell, 5080 Tenth Line R.R. #5, Georgetown, Ontario L7G 4S8 or to the Church of St Andrew and St Paul, 3415 Redpath, Montreal Quebec H3G 2G2 would be hugely appreciated.

*Montreal Gazette obituary*

1960

**Robert de Beauchesne Johnston '60, Ph.D.**, passed away on January 23, 2018, surrounded by loved ones in Nova Scotia after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born March 28, 1946 in Montreal to Stanley and Annette (Hould), he is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Celeste (Smith), daughter, Elise (Maurice), sons Dr. Robert '90 (Fiona) and Andrew '99 (Lisa), and grandchildren Malcolm, Naomi, Gabrielle, and Connor. He was predeceased by his brothers Stanley '31 and Reed '34.

Perfectly bilingual and a gifted student, he attended Selwyn House School, Bishop's College School, McGill University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he earned a Ph.D. in computer engineering in 1971. He subsequently held several posts in industry and academia, including Professor and director of the Institut national de la recherche scientifique – télécommunications (Quebec). He also was a member of the Selwyn House Association Board of Directors from 1984 to 1987.

Robert (known to many as "R.J.") was adored by students, both his own and others who gravitated to his attentive teaching. Kind, gregarious, and generous to all around him, he was a devoted husband and father, quick to smile, and with a robust sense of humour. When not tinkering with computers or



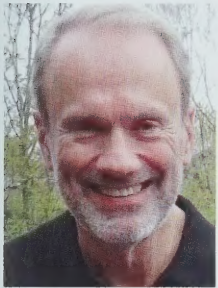
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woodworking, he could be found on the ocean off residences in Abaco, Bahamas and Hunts Point, Nova Scotia.

The family would like to thank healthcare staff in Liverpool, Bridgewater, and Halifax.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Liverpool Regional High School Scholarship Foundation in memory of Robert Johnston for furthering education in science.

1967



**Philip Dorland '67** passed away peacefully on February 26 at his home surrounded by family after a valiant two-year battle with pancreatic cancer. Son of the late

Albert Dorland and Janine Grumbach, Phil is survived by his wife of 39 years, Mary (nee Lindsay), and his two sons Eric and Joel, for whom he was a proud and devoted father. He is also survived by his brother, Michael, his nephew, Chris, his stepdaughter, Rhona, and her husband, Glenn, and his grandsons, Nicholas and Wesley, as well as a large extended family in France and many dear friends and relations. Phil worked in management positions in marketing research for the majority of his career, serving as vice president of TNS Canadian Facts in Montreal and more recently as a project manager for the federal government in Ottawa. He was an avid cyclist and held a lifelong passion for military history. He enjoyed good food and wine and speaking French, his mother tongue. He was a noble man with a great sense of humour, and he will be missed. A memorial celebration of Phil's life will be held in the spring. Donations can be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Canada Foundation.

Published in *The Ottawa Citizen*

1970

**Irwin Scott Disher '70** died on March 13, 2018 in Châteauguay, at the age of 64. He is survived by Svetlana and other relatives and friends. Visitations were held at Alexandre Nicole Complexe Funéraire in Châteauguay on March 19, 2018, with a reception afterward.

1981

**Peter Tinling Stewart '81** died on March 27. The following obituary appeared in the *Ottawa Citizen*:

It is with shattered hearts that we announce the passing of Peter on March 27, 2018, at the age of 54. Peter will be forever missed by his wife, Cynthia, and their three sons, Maxwell, Alan, and Eric. He will be deeply missed by his siblings Tom (Heather), Kathy (Bill), and David (Jan). Peter also leaves behind his nephews Chris and Andrew and his nieces Julia and Ainsley, who all loved him dearly. Peter was predeceased by his parents, William and Margery, and his sister, Andrea. He was also predeceased by his mother-in-law, Shirley McDowall. A celebration of Peter's life took place on Saturday, April 14, 2018 in the Sacred Space of Beechwood, Cemetery and Funeral Services, Ottawa. Peter fought hard to win his battle with cancer and appreciated every one of you who supported him, and all of us, through his journey. Thank you. Peter was so well cared for on 5 East at the Ottawa General Hospital and we can't thank the doctors, nurses, and support workers enough for their care, compassion, and help to all of us over the past five months. A very special thank you to Dr. Condon, Rayelle, Dr. Munro and Liz, who all made a difference. A special thank you to Dr. Lambert and the nurses on the second floor of the Cancer Centre. In lieu of flowers, please consider giving blood or making a donation in Peter's memory to the Ottawa Hospital Foundation Cancer Research or to 5 East.

1984

**Adam Louis Steinberg '84** September 16, 1966–April 19, 2018. With immense sadness we announce the sudden passing of Adam, cherished son of the late Blema and the late Arnold Steinberg. Beloved brother and brother-in-law of Margot Steinberg and Stan Harrison, Donna Steinberg and Lawrence Stern. Adored uncle of Joshua, Noah, and Rachel Stern; Chloe and Sasha Harrison. Adam was immeasurably loved by his family and by his innumerable friends. Funeral service from Paperman & Sons, 3888 Jean-Talon St. W., on Sunday, April 22. Celebration of his life to follow. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Santropol Roulant, or to the Child Psychiatry Fund, c/o the Jewish General Hospital Foundation. Published in the *Montreal Gazette*.

The Silver Dollar Foundation was created by Adam Steinberg as a way to give back to the community by both helping charities purchase and renovate space for their operations, and supporting educational efforts to combat Quebec's high dropout rate at schools.

Philanthropy was an art that Steinberg learned from his parents, Arnold and Blema, who were known in Montreal for their generosity. Arnold spent five years as the chancellor of McGill University and was a successful businessman before that, while Blema was a professor emerita at the school. She taught in McGill's Department of Political Science for 40 years. Adam's professional background was in real estate, and he used those skills in his charitable efforts. Much of his work focused on developing office spaces for organizations to use.

Many who knew Steinberg say that he never wanted recognition for the support he gave to various organizations, instead preferring to donate quietly and privately. He'd often be vague with details, saying he was in meetings downtown or in St-Michel. It was only afterward that his friends found out that he was supporting other causes and institutions. ■



A portrait of Pat Shannon, a middle-aged man with dark hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue and white pattern.

# Founder's Day 2018

The Board of Directors and the Headmaster of Selwyn House invite you to celebrate the founding of the school and to honour the 2018 Speirs Medal recipient,

## Pat Shannon

Senior English teacher 1984-2018

University guidance counsellor 2001-2018

Hockey coach 18 years

Thursday, November 22, 2018

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Selwyn House School

**RSVP by November 16, 2018**

Presentations will begin at 6:45 p.m.

Spouses and guests are most welcome.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

The Old Boys' Association will announce the 2018 Honorary Old Boys.



# Open House

K to Grade 11

Selwyn House School is a private English boys' school from Kindergarten to Grade 11, leading to a Quebec Secondary School Diploma.



Great Minds, Big Hearts

## Open House

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018**

4 - 7 pm: School tours

4:30 pm: Information session for Kindergarten

5:30 pm: Information session for Grade 7

## Family Visits

October 12, October 26, November 15,  
January 21, March 26, April 26 at 8:30 am

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# 40th Annual Old Boys' Reunion

## Friday, September 28, 2018

Come back to campus in September and reconnect with former teachers and friends.  
Share stories over dinner and drinks.

All Old Boys, their guests, and former and current staff are welcome.

We hope to see many of you celebrating a special anniversary year  
(those years ending in a 8 or a 3).

RSVP at [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca) via the Online Event Registration button.

Cancellations: Full refund before September 21. No refunds thereafter.

For more information, contact the Advancement Office at 514-931-9481 ext. 2292

5:00 p.m. Tours of SHS campus

6:00 p.m. Cocktails

7:00 p.m. AGM and Dinner

9:00-10:30 p.m. Pub (Cash Bar)

Tickets: \$65

\$30 for recent grads (2012-2016)

Complimentary dinner for former staff

Cash bar